

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUICIDE BY FARMERS**

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Will the Minister of COAL, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that farmers are still committing suicides, especially in Maharashtra region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during last two years and the current year;
- (c) whether Government has failed in providing succour to the depressed farmers; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): As reported by Government of Maharashtra, the number of farmers who committed suicide during 2009, 2010 and 2011 (till June) in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra covered under the Rehabilitation Package, is 263, 275 and 79 respectively.

(c) & (d): Government of India is, inter-alia, implementing a Rehabilitation Package, which was announced in 2006 initially for 3 years, covering 31 districts in four States including Maharashtra to address the problem of agrarian distress. An amount of Rs.4388.88 crore has been released for Maharashtra under this package till March 31, 2011. The period for implementation of the non-credit components of the package has been extended by 2 more years i.e. up to September 30, 2011. As a result of the implementation of this package, farmers have benefitted by way of interest waiver, assured irrigation, micro-irrigation, check dams, watershed development, water harvesting, availability of improved seed and milch animals.