

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUICIDE CASES .**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of total suicides being committed in the country, 16 per cent suicides are being committed by the farmers only;
- (b) if not, the facts thereof and whether the Tata Institute of Social Sciences have published its report by studying the reasons of such suicides; and
- (c) if so, the details of the said report?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): As per the data published by the National Crime Records Bureau, the suicide committed by those self-employed in farming/agriculture sector comprise about 16 per cent of the total number of suicides in the country.

(b)&(c): The Tata Institute of Social Sciences in their report titled as 'Causes of farmer suicides in Maharashtra: an enquiry' have brought out that the main causes for farmers' suicide are, inter alia, repeated crop failures, inability to meet the rising cost of cultivation, indebtedness, inadequate access to extension machinery, declining opportunities in non-farm employment, and absence of irrigation. The corrective measures suggested in the report include suitable payment to the families of suicide victims, putting in place an insurance safety net, and revamping of Government extension machinery.