

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 24.07.2000
ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE BY TOBACCO FARMERS .

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SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether tobacco farmers are committing suicide as STC did not purchase the produce from the farmers of Andhra Pradesh in Veerulapadu Mandal ;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not lifting the stocks by STC; and
- (c) the action proposed to ensure that farmers are given time to repay loans in view of hardships faced by them ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- a) No, Sir.
- b) Does not arise.
- c) Banks have been advised not to recover crop loan advances from the tobacco farmers sales of the first two lots put for sale at the auctions.