

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 22.02.2001
ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE BY FARMERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH .

104

SHRI K. M. KHAN

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

- (a) the number of agricultural farmers who committed suicide in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years and till February, 2001, year-wise and district-wise;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons for suicide either at Union or State level; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and what action is being taken to help the farmers to overcome their financial and other related problems?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to take necessary action in this regard. As per information received from the State Government in November, 2000, 5 farmers during 1999-2000 and 22 farmers during 2000-01 committed suicides, the main reasons being crop loss and indebtedness. The 22 suicides comprises 2 in Adilabad, 6 in Mehboobnagar and 14 from Warangal districts. No study has been conducted by this Department.