

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
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ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE BY FARMERS .

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION, AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the farmers in Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, who are depressed due to bad crop and burden of loan are once again compelled to commit suicide;
- (b) if so, State-wise details of such incidents during last six months; and
- (c) by when Government would implement Crop Insurance Scheme in whole country to save the farmers from this menace?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

- (a) & (b) As per reported by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, two suicides have taken place in December, 1999 due to failure of crops or indebtedness. No report of such suicides has been received from Madhya Pradesh so far.
- (c) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has already been implemented with effect from Rabi 1999-2000 season and is available to all the States/Union Territories.