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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2261
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5/8/2022

SUICIDE BY FARMERS IN PUNJAB

2261. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that as many as 9,291 farmers committed suicide between the years 2000 to 2018 in six districts of Punjab, according to a Panjab Agriculture University study;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether marginal and small farmers were the chief victims of suicide;
- (d) whether 75 per cent of farmers who committed suicide were in the age group of 19 to 35 years; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) maintains records of suicides by farmers in the country. The NCRB maintains its data only in terms of farmers/cultivators and agricultural labourers, gender-wise (Male, Female, Transgender). As per NCRB report, a total number of 1805 farmers committed suicide during the years 2000-2018, in Punjab.
