

Regarding setting up of a cotton processing unit and industry in Yavatmal, Maharashtra-laid

SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH (YAVATMAL-WASHIM): I would like to place my views on different issues pertaining to Yavatmal District during this Session. Yavatmal district is one of the leading cotton growing districts of Maharashtra and cotton is cultivated in the ravine areas of Painganga and Arunavati rivers. Cotton is the main crop in Yavatmal district. In this district, the industries related to cotton and cotton processing should be set up, as the raw material is easily available here. If the processing industry is set up here, the locals would not have to look for the market here and there.

Yavatmal District is also infamous for farmers suicide. As per the information received from Relief and Rehabilitation Department, around 5838 farmers committed suicides during 2001 to 2023 in this district only. Out of this around 2413 are eligible and 3425 are not eligible cases. Even during this current year 2024, from January to May, 2024, total 21 people committed suicide. Out of the total under, 2 cases are eligible and 8 are not eligible while 11 cases are pending for enquiry.

In Washim District, during 2001 to 2023 around 1939 farmers committed suicide out of which 773 are eligible and 1166 are not eligible cases. From January to May 2024, total number of suicide cases is 21. Only 2 are eligible and 8 are ineligible while 21 cases are pending for enquiry. If the employment generation takes place in this district, it will help to grow income and also to improve the lifestyle of the farmers. This is an aspirational district and if the agriculture-based industries are set up here, the other agri businesses can be set up easily.

I would like to request Union Government to make necessary provision in the Union Budget to set up cotton processing and other industries in Yavatmal district for the overall growth of business and trade, treating it a special case.