

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUICIDE BY FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agricultural farmers committed suicide, sold their children and women folks in various States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years till February 2001, district-wise;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons for such incidents either at Union or State level;

(c) if so, the findings of the study; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government 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): As per available information, in Andhra Pradesh, 358 farmers during 1997-99, 5 during 1999-2000 and 22 during 2000-01 committed suicides, 60 farmers in Karnataka during 1998, 32 in Maharashtra during 1998 and 3 in Punjab during 1998.

(b)&(c): A Study sponsored by the Government of Punjab has revealed that suicides were mainly due to family discord, alcohol & illicit drug use, indebtedness and loss of status.

(d): Necessary action is required to be taken by the concerned State Governments. The Government of India only supplements the efforts of the State Governments.