

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5677  
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001  
DEATH DUE TO HEAT WAVES  
ANANTA NAYAK;PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of persons died due to heatwave during the last three years, State- wise; and
- (b) the preventive measures proposed to be taken to save the people from heatwave?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): As heat wave is not a natural calamity, figures of deaths occurring due to sun stroke or heat stroke are not maintained in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. Department of Health in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Census Commissioner and Registrar General of India have, however, been requested to indicate the availability of information on the subject.

(b): According to medical experts, deaths due to heat wave can be prevented by taking suitable preventive measures like minimizing movements in very hot weather, adjustment of working hours, taking fluids in large quantities and seeking medical attention in the event of developing symptoms of heat-stroke or sun-stroke.