GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1639 ANSWERED ON:10.12.2004 AGRICULTURE LOAN Jalappa Shri R.L.;Kushwaha Shri Narendra Kumar;Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh;Reddy Shri Karunakara G.;Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana;Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the government is aware that farmers are committing suicide as they are unable to pay the loan taken for buying fertilizers and seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongiwth the number of farmers committed suicide during last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether there have been persistent demands from the farmers for immediate liquidation/cancellation of debt;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) the funds earmarked for agriculture loan for the year 2004-05 and disbursed to farmers so far, bank-wise, State-wise;

(f) whether big farmers are getting more benefit of agriculture loan than small farmers;

(g) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(h) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard and to save the farmers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (h): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.