

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF PLANNING COMMISSION TEAM TO KERALA .  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether a team from Planning Commission had visited Kerala to study the agrarian crisis in the State driving hundreds of farmers to suicide;
- (b) If so, the findings thereof including the recommendations made by it; and
- (c) The steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to solve the problems being faced by the farmers in the State?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) (b) & (c): Planning Commission has not sent any team to Kerala to study the agrarian crisis in the whole State. However, a Memorandum was submitted by Wayanad Karshaka Samara Samiti, Wayanad to the Hon'ble Prime Minister mentioning about agrarian crisis and suicide cases by farmers in Wayanad district of Kerala. In pursuance of the directives of the Prime Minister's Office, a Planning Commission team along with some officials of Govt. of Kerala visited Wayanad district from 7th to 11th June, 2006 to study the problem in Wayanad district and suggest remedial measures. The team studied the situation in the district and has submitted its report to the Planning Commission which is being examined.