

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SUICIDE BY FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government of Kerala has given a memorandum in July, 2004 regarding suicide by farmers and the hardships faced by them
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) : As per the Memorandum dated 24.7.2004 received from Government of Kerala, about 48 cases of suicide were reported in Wayanad District due to crop loss and indebtedness. It is further reported that many more cases are coming to light from other districts of the State as well. An assistance of Rs.10 crores has been sought for providing relief to the affected families. In the Memorandum, among other things, the problems relating to edible oils, rubber, tea and coffee, cashew, coir, coconut, arecanut, pepper have also been highlighted. The Government has decided to depute a multi-disciplinary Central Team to visit Wayanad District of Kerala in this regard.