

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PLIGHT OF THE COFFEE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the plight of the coffee growers in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the incident of coffee grower's committing suicides in some States particularly in Kerala and Karnataka is increasing; and
- (c) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. There has been a significant decline in international and domestic coffee prices over the past few years which has led to financial difficulties for coffee growers.
- (b)&(c): information is being collected.