

**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 recently in September 2004, farmers in Andhra Pradesh continued committing suicides;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any central team visited the State recently and gave additional amount/foodgrains to meet the situation; and
- (d) if so, the latest position in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b):Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported 300 cases of suicide by farmers from 14-5-2004 to 10-8-2004.

(c)&(d):A Central Team visited Andhra Pradesh from 17th to 19th October, 2004 for assessment of the prevailing drought situation. Its recommendations are under consideration.