

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEATHS IN DROUGHT PRONE AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the suicide of people due to starvation in drought prone areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check starvation deaths in drought prone areas?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): In view of deficit rainfall during South-West monsoon 2007 (1.6.2007 to 30.9.2007),the Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh have declared parts of the State as drought affected.None of these States have reported deaths due to starvation in the context of drought.The primary responsibility for taking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought is that of the State Governments concerned.The State Governments take such measures from the funds available in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF).