

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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REPORTING OF STARVATION DEATHS

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any reports of starvation deaths from various States during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the agencies involved including State Governments discount starvation deaths by reporting them as deaths due to lack of medical facilities other ailments etc;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial action proposed to ensure proper reporting of starvation deaths;
- (e) whether any study has been conducted by the Government to ascertain the situation of starvation in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (f): As per reports received from various States/UT Governments, no incidence of starvation death has been reported by any State/Union Territory during the current year. No information regarding involvement of agencies including State Governments in discounting starvation deaths by reporting them as deaths due to lack of medical facilities, other ailments, etc. has been received by the Department. It has not conducted any study to ascertain the situation of starvation in the country.