

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1420  
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RELIEF PACKAGE FOR FARMERS COMMITTING SUICIDE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has announced a relief package for the States where farmers had committed suicides;
- (b) if so, the details of such States alongwith the quantum of relief provided, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria adopted for providing the relief package;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that relief package was not extended to Karnataka, even though farmers had committed suicides in the States; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Government announced a Rehabilitation Package in 2006 for the farmers in the identified 31 farmer suicide prone districts of Andhra Pradesh(16), Karnataka(6), Kerala(3) and Maharashtra (6), where maximum number of suicides by farmers were reported. Details are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

State	Amt. approved under Rehabilitation package Package upto March, 2009	Amount released/ utilized under Rehabilitation
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Maharashtra	3873.26	3891.87
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Karnataka	2689.64	2914.97
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Kerala	765.24	359.84
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Andhra Pradesh	9650.55	8674.14
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Total	16978.69	15840.82
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(d): Rehabilitation Package announced by the Government in 2006 for the farmers in the identified 31 farmer suicide prone districts includes 06 districts of Karnataka

(e): Does not arise.