

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:9

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SUICIDE BY FARMERS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether cases of suicide by farmers in the country have been reported in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 9 DUE FOR REPLY ON 22ND FEBRUARY, 2011

(a) & (b): Details of number of suicides by farmers due to agrarian reasons in various States, as reported by the respective State Governments during the last three years and the current year, are given in Annexure.

(c): Government of India is implementing a Rehabilitation Package covering 31 districts in 4 States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra since 2006 to address the problem of agrarian distress. An amount of Rs.19163.91 crore has been released under this package till September 30, 2010. The period for implementation of the non-credit components of the package has been extended by 2 more years i.e. up to September 30,2011.

The interest subvention for timely repayment of crop loan up to Rs.3 lakh was enhanced from 1% to 2% for the year 2010-11, thereby reducing the effective rate of interest for such farmers who repay their crop loan in time to 5% per annum.

The Government has also implemented the Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 benefitting about 3.69 crore farmers involving estimated amount of Rs.65,318.33 crore, as per provisional figures. In order to revitalize agriculture and improve the condition of farmers on a sustainable basis various measures have been taken by the Government which, inter alia, include significant increase in public investment in agriculture sector through various schemes such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, National Horticulture Mission, Watershed Management and Soil Health & Fertility etc. The Guidelines of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme have also been amended by the Government in July, 2009 to allow provision of irrigation facility, horticultural plantation and land development works on land belonging to small and marginal farmers under the Scheme. The Minimum Support Prices of major cereals have been increased substantially during the last 5 years for benefit of farmers.