

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RELIEF PACKAGE TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved any relief package for distressed farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal seeking inclusion of some of its irrigation projects in the said package;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) to (e): The Government approved a Rehabilitation Package amounting to Rs.16978.69 crore for 31 identified suicide prone districts of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra in September 2006. Six districts in Karnataka namely, Belgaum, Hassan, Chitradurga, Chikmagalur, Kodagu and Shimoga were covered under the package. The activities/programmes under the package included debt relief to farmers, improved supply of institutional credit, crop centric approach to agriculture, assured irrigation facility, watershed management, better extension and farming support services and subsidiary income opportunities through horticulture, livestock, dairying fisheries, etc for alleviating the hardship of debt stressed farmers. The implementation period of the package has ended on 30.9.2011. Rs.2689.64 crore was allocated under the rehabilitation package for Karnataka which included Rs. 1208.71 crore for major, and medium irrigation activities and Rs.458.10 crore for minor irrigation activities.