

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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UNREPORT ON FARMERS SUICIDES

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the United Nations report on rising cases of suicides by farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): The report of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2008), has, inter-alia, mentioned about incidence of suicides by farmers in India over the past decade and urged implementation of various programmes/ schemes for development of agriculture to benefit farmers.

(c): Government has taken various measures to ameliorate agrarian distress, prevent suicides by farmers, revitalize agriculture sector and improve economic condition of farming community on sustainable basis, which include implementation of rehabilitation package in identified districts, increase in minimum support prices of agricultural commodities and credit flow to agriculture, debt waiver/ relief, crop insurance, interest subvention on crop loans, issue of Kisan Credit Cards, assisting formation of Joint Liability Groups, provision of agricultural inputs and other support services, infrastructure for storage, transportation and marketing of agriculture produce, increase in public investment in agriculture & allied sectors through implementation of various other programmes/ schemes etc.