

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF ORGANS BY FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports that farmers in the country including those hailing from Andhra Pradesh are selling their kidneys and other organs to escape from their continuing debt trap;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cases reported during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to take effective measures to stop this practice and improve the financial condition of the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): No such report has been received from any States including Andhra Pradesh.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): Farmers are indebted to both institutional and non-institutional sources of credit. However, borrowing from non-institutional sources is the major reason for debt related farmers distress. In order to reduce the dependence of farmers on private money lenders for meeting their credit needs and for providing relief to the indebted farmers, Government has taken several measures to increase institutional credit flow and bringing more and more farmers including small and marginal farmers within the institutional credit fold. These measures, inter alia, includes fixation of annual targets for improving agricultural credit flow, provision of crop loans upto Rs.3.00 lakh @ 4% per annum to such farmers who repay their loan as per the repayment schedule fixed by the banks, extension of benefit of interest subvention scheme to small & marginal farmers having Kisan Credit Card for a further period upto six months for storing their produce in warehouses against negotiable warehouse receipts, collateral free loan upto Rs.1.00 lakh, scheme for financing of Joint Liability Group (JLGs) etc.