

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRARIAN PRODUCTION SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken any comprehensive long term measures for rehabilitation in Agrarian Production System as per the report compiled by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): Report on farmers' suicide in Maharashtra by TISS was prepared in 2005 at the instance of State Government of Maharashtra pursuant to directions given by Hon'ble Mumbai High Court in a PIL. Some other surveys/studies were carried out by other agencies also Yashwant Rao Chauhan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA), Pune carried out a survey during January, 2001 to November, 2005 to look into the deaths of farmers in Yawatmal district of Maharashtra. India Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai prepared a report in 2006 on suicide by farmers in Maharashtra. National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad also carried out a study in April, 2003 regarding farmers' suicide in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. The conclusions of these reports/surveys etc. were taken into account for taking immediate and long term measures.

(b): Government of India implemented Prime Ministers' Rehabilitation Package of Rs.16,978.69 crore for 31 suicide prone districts in four states i.e. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala; special package of Rs.1,840.75 crore for development of Kuttanad Wetland Eco System in Kerala; special package of Rs.764.45 crore for mitigating agrarian distress in Idduki district of Kerala; agricultural debt waiver and debt relief scheme of 2008 in all districts of the country involving an amount of Rs. 52,516.86 crore Govt. of India has also taken several other steps to revitalize the agricultural sector and improving financial condition of farming community on long term sustainable basis by increasing public expenditure and investment in agriculture & allied sectors during 11th and 12th Plan Periods. These include increase in institutional credit flow to agriculture sector; interest subvention on crop loans; improving farm practices, rural infrastructure and strengthening extension machinery; risk mitigation of farmers through wider Insurance Coverage of Crops & Livestock; enhancement of Minimum Support Prices of agricultural commodities for enabling farmers to get remunerative prices for their agricultural produce, introduction of negotiable warehouse receipts mechanism for eliminating the need for distress sale of agriculture produce by farmers; facilitating farmers to form Self Help/Joint Liability Groups for deriving more benefits.

(c): Does not arise, Madam.