

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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TASK FORCE FOR WELFARE OF FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Special Task Force for taking up welfare measures in areas reporting the maximum number of farmer suicides;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the task force is likely to be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): No Task Force is proposed to be set up. However, The Government of India approved in the year 2006 a Rehabilitation Package of Rs. 16978.69 crore for 31 suicide prone Districts in the four States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala.

The Implementation Mechanism of this Rehabilitation Package consists of:

# State Level Coordination and Supervision Committee including representatives of the Government of India and the State Government.

# Implementation through District Level Committee and Panchayati Raj Institutions.

# Local level institutional structures and special purpose cooperatives/ community-based organizations.

The Ministry of Agriculture monitors the progress on a regular basis.