

>Title: Need to formulate a comprehensive policy to protect the interests of farmers. SHRIS. SUDHAKAR REDDY (NALGONDA): Sir, suicides by farmers due to indebtedness in different States is an important issue. Hundreds of farmers are committing suicides every year and this year it has reached alarming proportion. Government should do something to save the peasants. Government should announce a moratorium on the debts of peasants to private money lenders, cooperative societies, banks and other public institutions. Union Government should reimburse to public finance institutions. Particularly peasants holding less than five acres of land should be given this facility. Now, loans without interest should be provided to peasants who suffered loss of crops. All companies which were blackmarked with bogus pesticides and adulterated seeds should be banned and their properties should be confiscated and the compensation should be paid from this amount and Government fund.

I request the Union Government to look into the matter seriously.

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