

I and II in 2002 and 2006 Farmers' suicide on account of exorbitant prices of cotton seed have not been reported by the nine major cotton growing States.

(b) and (c) The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission *vide* its Interim Order dated 11th May, 2006 had directed the company not to charge trait value of Rs. 900 per packet of Bt. Cotton seed during the pendency of the case and to fix a reasonable trait value in line with what the parent company charges in China. Currently Bollgard-I and II seeds are being sold at Rs. 750 to Rs. 925 per packet in the country. Other than M/s Mahyco Monsanto Biotech Limited (MMBL), 619 hybrids of Bt. Cotton are being produced by 40 Companies/Agencies, with Bt. technology being provided by as many as five Companies/Agencies including hybrid/variety of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Farmers' suicides

4631. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suicides taken place in the State of Rajasthan, amongst members of the farming community since 2008; and

(b) the number of farmers that have committed suicide in different States and Union Territories since 2008?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) As per information furnished by the Government of Rajasthan, there is no reported incident of suicide by farmers in the State.

(b) The number of suicides by farmers due to agrarian reasons, as reported by the State Governments and Union Territories concerned, is given in Statement.

Statement

Number of suicide by farmers due to agrarian reasons as reported by State Governments

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Period (Date of report)	No. of suicides by farmers due to agrarian reasons
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2008	419
		2009	219
2.	Karnataka	2008-09	155
		2009-10	97
3.	Maharashtra	2008	627
		2009	503

1	2	3	4
4.	Kerala	2008	22
		2009	03
5	Tamil Nadu	2008	01
		2009	Nil
6.	Punjab	2008	12
		2009	18
7.	Gujarat	2008	01
		2009	Nil
8.	Assam	03.05.2010	Nil
9.	Arunachal Pradesh	17.08.2007	Nil
10.	Bihar	14.05.2008	Nil
11.	Chhattisgarh	16.03.2010	Nil
12.	Goa	03.05.2010	Nil
13.	Haryana	10.03.2010	Nil
14.	Himachal Pradesh	10.03.2010	Nil
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	18.11.2009	Nil
16.	Jharkhand	25.04.2008	Nil
17.	Manipur	23.03.2010	Nil
18.	Meghalaya	27.11.2009	Nil
19.	Madhya Pradesh	22.03.2010	Nil
20.	Mizoram	05.02.2010	Nil
21.	Nagaland	23.11.2009	Nil
22.	Orissa	04.03.2010 and 03.05.2010	Nil*
23.	Rajasthan	14.12.2009	Nil
24.	Sikkim	30.11.2009	Nil
25.	Tripura	25.03.2008	Nil
26.	Uttar Pradesh	03.05.2010	Nil
27.	Uttarakhand	09.03.2010	Nil

1	2	3	4
28.	West Bengal	31.10.2009	Nil
29.	Andaman and Nicobar	05.03.2010	Nil
30.	Government of NCT of Delhi	04.03.2010	Nil
31.	Daman and Diu	05.03.2010	Nil
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	22.03.2010	Nil
33.	Lakshadweep	12.03.2010	Nil
34.	Puducherry	24.03.2010	Nil
35.	Chandigarh	15.11.2009	Nil

*43 cases of alleged suicide by farmers have been reported by State Government. However, the State Government has not confirmed any of these to be due to agrarian causes.

Gap between production and demand of milk

4632. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gap between domestic production and demand of milk since 2004, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether currently milk scarcity is prevailing especially in urban areas in several parts of the country and Government is apprehending the same to deteriorate further in near future;

(c) if so, the basis thereof;

(d) whether India emerged as second largest milk producer globally consequent to the white revolution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, indicating reasons for deterioration of the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) By and large the production of milk in the country is sufficient to meet the domestic demand. There is no authentic data available with regard to State-wise demand for milk. However, Statement indicating State-wise milk production for the year 2004-05 to year 2008-09 is given in Statement (See below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) India is the largest milk producer in the world.

(e) Does not arise.