

Reservation in promotion

2042. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether reservation in promotion is strictly followed and implemented in the Ministry as per provisions made in the Constitution through 77th Amendment;
- (b) if so, the details of promotion made during last five years in all categories;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the tentative time by which the same will be followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Drought in the country

2043. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several States in the country continue to reel under drought;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has initiated any action plan to provide assistance to the affected States and to tackle the situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) During 2011 -12, no State Government has reported about drought till date.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Suicide by farmers

2044. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 17,368 farmers among majority of States committed suicides in 2009, according to data of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB);