

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Notification of agricultural land under special category**

2171. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue directions to State Governments to notify agriculture land under “special category” that cannot be put to any other use; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Netting of foodgrains

2172. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the formula of netting of foodgrains for Feed, Seed and Wastage (FSW) of 12.5 per cent devised in early 50s of the last century is still being followed by Government;

(b) if so, whether the old netting formula shows a distorted picture regarding grains available for human consumption because of tremendous progress in livestock industry, more than fourfold increase in foodgrain production and widespread use of foodgrains for industrial use; and

(c) whether Government would undertake a nation-wide statistical survey to ascertain the real netting factor with present situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Government undertakes nationwide statistical surveys from time to time to estimate various parameters including the seed, feed and wastage ratios. Based on these studies the feed, seed and wastage ratio of 12.5 percent has been adopted to arrive at net availability of foodgrains.

Suicide by farmers

2173. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI:

SHRI RANBIR SINGH PARJAPATI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly three lakh farmers committed suicide between 1995-2012 till date;