

(MSP) during January/February, 2013 and therefore it has purchased 261 MTs of Milling Copra and 46 MTs of Ball Copra under PSS during 2013 season, till 18.02.2013. However, thereafter, NAFED has suspended procurement operation of Copra under PSS due to restriction on reimbursement of loss @ 15% of procurement cost.

- (c) There is no such proposal.

Growth rate of agriculture production

†2821. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had fixed target of annual growth rate of agricultural production at 4 per cent for Eleventh Five Year Plan in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the target of 4 per cent was also fixed during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether Government could not achieve the target of 4 per cent agriculture production growth rate fixed during Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) to (e) As against the targeted growth rate of 4 per cent during the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plans for the Agriculture and Allied Sectors, achievement was 2.4 per cent during the Tenth Plan and 3.6 per cent during the Eleventh Plan.

Sucide by farmers

†2822. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers who have committed suicide in the country during last three years and the current year, till now;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise;

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- (c) the reasons for these suicides; and
- (d) the measures taken to prevent these suicides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) to (c) State-wise details of suicides by farmers due to agrarian reasons, during last three years and the current year, till now, as reported by respective State Government are given in Statement (*See* below). Reasons of suicide by farmers, as reported by State Governments, are manifold which, *inter-alia*, include indebtedness, crop failure, drought, socio-economic and personal reasons.

(d) Government has taken various measures to ameliorate agrarian distress, prevent suicides by farmers, revitalize agriculture sector and improve economic condition of farming community on sustainable basis, which include implementation of rehabilitation package in identified districts, increase in minimum support prices of agricultural commodities and credit flow to agriculture, debt waiver/relief, crop insurance, interest subvention on crop loans, issue of Kisan Credit Cards, assisting formation of Joint Liability Groups, provision of agricultural inputs and support services, infrastructure for storage, transportation and marketing of agriculture produce, increase in public investment in agriculture and allied sectors through implementation of various other programmes/schemes etc.

Statement

State-wise details of suicide by farmers

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT.	Period/ (Date of report)	Number of suicides by farmers due to agrarian reasons as reported by State Government
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2010	254
		2011	231
		2012	29
		2013 (28.02.2013)	Nil

1	2	3	4
2.	Karnataka	2010	125
		2011	90
		2012 (26.11.2012)	33
3.	Maharashtra	2010	548
		2011	485
		2012 (22.02.2013)	473
4.	Punjab	2010 (20.09.2010)	04
5.	Assam	04.03.2013	Nil
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	20.07.2012	Nil
7.	Bihar	05.03.2013	Nil
8.	Chhattisgarh	06.01.2011	Nil
9.	Goa	01.03.2013	Nil
10.	Gujarat	28.02.2013	Nil
11.	Haryana	26.07.2012	Nil
12.	Himachal Pradesh	21.02.2013	Nil
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	27.02.2013	Nil
14.	Jharkhand	18.06.2010	Nil
15.	Kerala	01.08.2011	Nil
16.	Manipur	02.12.2010	Nil
17.	Meghalaya	08.03.2013	Nil
18.	Madhya Pradesh	18.01.2011	Nil
19.	Mizoram	19.02.2013	Nil
20.	Nagaland	08.09.2011	Nil

1	2	3	4
21.	Odisha	06.03.2013	Nil
22.	Rajasthan	23.11.2010	Nil
23.	Sikkim	22.02.2013	Nil
24.	Tamil Nadu	28.02.2013	Nil
25.	Tripura	14.06.2012	Nil
26.	Uttar Pradesh	28.04.2011	Nil
27.	Uttarakhand	19.07.2011	Nil
28.	West Bengal	13.12.2010	Nil
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	27.02.2013	Nil
30.	NCT of Delhi	27.02.2013	Nil
31.	Daman and Diu	28.02.2013	Nil
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	04.03.2013	Nil
33.	Lakshadweep	28.12.2012	Nil
34.	Puducherry	23.04.2012	Nil
35.	Chandigarh	01.03.2013	Nil

Research and invention in agriculture sector

†2823. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the role of research in agricultural sector is important for making agriculture remunerative;

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that new seeds have been developed by scientists and researchers to increase the production of pulses, oilseeds, wheat, paddy and sugarcane during the last five years; and

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