

1	2
Lakshadweep	350.68
Madhya Pradesh	2582439.75
Maharashtra	74409.92
Manipur	11.25
Meghalaya	3580.49
Mizoram	1182.00
Nagaland	9771.96
Odisha	21079.31
Punjab	1601.47
Rajasthan	483292.33
Sikkim	46560.40
Tamil Nadu	35253.97
Tripura	209.72
Uttar Pradesh	170353.91
Uttarakhand	71305.35
West Bengal	1279.41
TOTAL	5211142

Source: APEDA.

#### Suicide by farmers

2960. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an unabated increase in the farmers' suicide rate in the country;
- (b) whether it has been up by 47 per cent in the country compared to year 2011;
- (c) whether in certain States, worst hit by agrarian crisis, suicides have gone up by 100 per cent; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action plan to address this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per National Crime Records Bureau

(NCRB), a total of 15964, 14027 and 13754 suicides were committed by self-employed persons in farming/agriculture during 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively which indicate decline of 12.1% during 2011 over 2010 and a decline of 1.9% in 2012 over 2011. State/UT-wise number of suicides committed by persons self-employed in farming/agriculture during the period from 2010 to 2012 is given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(c) The number of suicides committed by farmers due to agrarian reasons during 2010, 2011 and 2012, as reported by States/UTs, is given in Statement-II. The number of suicides due to agrarian reasons in 2010 was 2221 which marginally increased to 2371 in 2011 and thereafter drastically came down to 943 in 2012.

(d) Even though agriculture is a State subject, the Government of India has taken several steps to revitalize the agriculture sector and improve condition of farming community on sustainable basis by increasing investment, improving farm practices, rural infrastructure, extension, marketing, etc. Various programmes/schemes for the development of agriculture sector are being implemented in a decentralized manner with flexibility to State Governments to formulate and implement appropriate projects to suit their specific requirements. The focus of Government is primarily on expansion of farm income, creation of non-farm income opportunities, improvement in productivity of rainfed agriculture, increasing coverage of farming areas under protective irrigation and forging appropriate backward and forward linkages. Other measures taken by the Government for the benefit of farmers include enhancement in minimum support prices of agricultural commodities, increase in credit flow to agriculture sector, debt waiver/relief, interest subvention on crop loans, revival package for strengthening Short Term Rural Cooperative Credit Structure, etc.

***Statement-I***

*State/UT-wise number of suicides committed by persons self-employed in farming/agriculture during 2010-2012 as per National Crime Records Bureau*

Sl. No.	State/UT	2010	2011		2012	
		Suicides	Suicides	Percentage change in 2011 over 2010	Suicides	Percentage change in 2012 over 2011
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>States:</b>						
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2525	2206	-12.6	2572	16.6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	18	13	-27.8	11	-15.4
3.	Assam	369	312	-15.4	344	10.3
4.	Bihar	95	83	-12.6	68	-18.1
5.	Chhattisgarh	1126	0	-100.0	4	—
6.	Goa	15	1	-93.3	1	0.0
7.	Gujarat	523	578	10.5	564	-2.4
8.	Haryana	297	384	29.3	276	-28.1
9.	Himachal Pradesh	61	46	-24.6	29	-37.0
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	18	14	-22.2	10	-28.6
11.	Jharkhand	173	94	-45.7	119	26.6
12.	Karnataka	2585	2100	-18.8	1875	-10.7
13.	Kerala	895	830	-7.3	1081	30.2
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1237	1326	7.2	1172	-11.6
15.	Maharashtra	3141	3337	6.2	3786	13.5
16.	Manipur	4	0	-100.0	0	—
17.	Meghalaya	16	22	37.5	10	-54.5
18.	Mizoram	5	14	180.0	10	-28.6
19.	Nagaland	0	2	—	9	350.0
20.	Odisha	162	144	-11.1	146	1.4
21.	Punjab	80	98	22.5	75	-23.5
22.	Rajasthan	390	268	-31.3	270	0.7
23.	Sikkim	19	12	-36.8	19	58.3
24.	Tamil Nadu	541	623	15.2	499	-19.9
25.	Tripura	58	20	-65.5	18	-10.0
26.	Uttar Pradesh	548	645	17.7	745	15.5

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
27	Uttarakhand	39	25	-35.9	14	-44.0
28	West Bengal	993	807	-18.7	NR	—
TOTAL (STATES):		15933	14004	-12.1	13727	-2.0
<b>Union Territories:</b>						
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	8	0	-100.0	0	—
30.	Chandigarh	0	0	—	0	—
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	10	13	30.0	6	-53.8
32.	Daman and Diu	0	0	—	0	—
33.	Delhi (UT)	9	10	11.1	21	110.0
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	—	0	—
35.	Puducherry	4	0	-100.0	0	—
TOTAL (UTs)		31	23	-25.8	27	17.4
TOTAL (ALL INDIA)		15964	14027	-12.1	13754	-1.9

Source: 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India'.

NR – State of West Bengal did not provide data for the above classification for the year 2012.

#### **Statement-II**

*Number of suicides by farmers due to agrarian reasons from 2010 to 2012 as reported by State Governments/UTs*

Sl. No.	State/UT	2010	2011	2012
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	267	302	177
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
3.	Assam	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Bihar	0	0	0
5.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0
6.	Goa	0	0	0
7.	Gujarat	0	0	0
8.	Haryana	0	0	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	0
11.	Jharkhand	0	0	0
12.	Karnataka (F/Y)	145	117	107
13.	Kerala	0	21	17
14.	*Madhya Pradesh	1237	1323	Not reported
15.	Maharashtra	572	608	642
16.	Manipur	0	0	0
17.	Meghalaya	0	0	0
18.	Mizoram	0	0	0
19.	Nagaland	0	0	0
20.	Odisha	0	0	0
21.	Punjab	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
22.	Rajasthan	0	0	0
23.	Sikkim	0	0	0
24.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0
25.	Tripura	0	0	0
26.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0
27.	Uttarakhand	0	0	0
28.	West Bengal	0	0	0
TOTAL (STATES)		2221	2371	943

1	2	3	4	5
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
30.	Chandigarh	0	0	0
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
32.	Daman and Diu	0	0	0
33.	NCT Delhi	0	0	0
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
35.	Puducherry	0	0	0
TOTAL (UT)		0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL (ALL INDIA)		2221	2371	943

\*Total number of suicide in farming/agriculture (due to various reasons).

#### **Decrease in the number of indigenous cows**

2961. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of buffaloes is increasing and number of indigenous cows is decreasing continuously over the years, as Swadeshi cows were 1,78,782 in 1997 which reduced to 1,60,495 in 2003;

(b) if so, the present status thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such neglect of 'Gomata' is a matter of grave concern;

(d) whether Brazil has imported indigenous cows from India as their overall performance is better than exotic breeds;

(e) if so, the steps taken to save indigenous cows; and

(f) the monthly per capita consumption of milk in India as compared to advanced countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) and (b) The number of buffaloes and indigenous female cattle in the country as per Censuses 1997, 2003 and 2007 is given in the table below:—