

Farmers' suicide due to hunger and losses

1083. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of farmers in the country commit suicide due to hunger and losses;

(b) if so, the number of such deaths during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps Government is taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) As per National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), causes of suicides include family problems, illness, drug abuse/addiction, unemployment, property dispute, bankruptcy or sudden change in economic status, poverty, professional/career problem, love affair, barrenness/impotency, cancellation / non-settlement of marriage, dowry dispute, fall in social reputation, causes not known, etc.

State-wise, details of suicide under sub-head self-employed (farming/agriculture), as per Reports of NCRB, during last three years are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) 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 to increase farm income, creation of non-farm income opportunities, improvement in productivity of rainfed agriculture, increasing coverage of farming areas under protective irrigation and establishing 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 institutional credit flow to agriculture and allied sectors, post-harvest loan for six months to eliminate distress sale of agriculture produce by farmers, debt waiver/relief, interest subvention on crop loans, revival package for strengthening Short Term Rural Cooperative Credit Structure, etc.

Statement

State/UT wise number of suicides by self employed persons in farming/agriculture during 2011-2013

Sl. No.	State / UT	2011	2012	2013
1	Andhra Pradesh	2206	2572	2014
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13	11	37
3	Assam	312	344	305
4	Bihar	83	68	127
5	Chhattisgarh	0	4	0
6	Goa	1	1	1
7	Gujarat	578	564	582
8	Haryana	384	276	374
9	Himachal Pradesh	46	29	33
10	Jammu and Kashmir	14	10	18
11	Jharkhand	94	119	142
12	Karnataka	2100	1875	1403
13	Kerala	830	1081	972
14	Madhya Pradesh	1326	1172	1090
15	Maharashtra	3337	3786	3146
16	Manipur	0	0	1
17	Meghalaya	22	10	5
18	Mizoram	14	10	6
19	Nagaland	2	9	2
20	Odisha	144	146	150

Sl. No.	State / UT	2011	2012	2013
21	Punjab	98	75	83
22	Rajasthan	268	270	292
23	Sikkim	12	19	35
24	Tamil Nadu	623	499	105
25	Tripura	20	18	56
26	Uttar Pradesh	645	745	750
27	Uttarakhand	25	14	15
28	West Bengal	807	NR	0
29	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0	5
30	Chandigarh	0	0	0
31	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	13	6	15
32	Daman and Diu	0	0	0
33	Delhi (UT)	10	21	8
34	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
35	Puducherry	0	0	0
TOTAL (All India)		14027	13754	11772

Source: 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India',
National Crime Records Bureau
NR - State of West Bengal did not provide data for the above classification for the year 2012.

Demand and production of pulses

1084. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of area under cultivation of pulses, which is a major source of protein in vegetarian diet;