

Suicide by farmers due to damage of crops and debt burden

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of suicides committed by farmers in the last three years due to damage of crops;

(b) whether it is a fact that non-payment of loans in time borrowed by farmers from banks and money lenders is also one of the main reasons of suicide by farmers; and

(c) the details of per hectare cost escalation in agriculture due to inflation in the last three years, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIA): (a) and (b) As per the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs report entitled 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' for the years 2012 and 2013, the total number of suicides under the profession 'Self employment - Farming/Agriculture' is as under:-

Year	No. of suicides
2012	13754
2013	11772

For the year 2014, the NCRB delineated for the first time the number of suicides under two sub-categories, namely, farmers and agricultural labourers. The number of suicides with respect to these categories due to various causes was as under:-

Farmers	5650
Agricultural labourers	6710

According to NCRB Report of 2014, the major causes of suicides by farmers are as under:-

(i) Bankruptcy or indebtedness

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- (ii) Farming related issues e.g. failure of crops, distress due to natural calamities, inability to sell produce.
- (iii) Poverty
- (iv) Family problems
- (v) Illness
- (vi) Other causes

Further, according to NCRB Report of 2014, 952 farmers committed suicide due to failure of crop.

(c) A table containing the percentage change in cost of cultivation (A₂+FL) for the years 2010-11 to 2012-13 is given in the Statement.

Statement

Percentage change in Cost of Cultivation (A₂+FL), 2010-11 to 2012-13

Sl. No.	Crops	Percentage Change		
		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
1.	Paddy	9.9	20.6	9.1
2.	Jowar	25.6	30.6	7.1
3.	Bajra	8.7	35.6	6.5
4.	Maize	12.9	17.3	20.5
5.	Ragi	13.2	4.8	19.5
6.	Tur	21.5	5.0	26.2
7.	Moong	38.2	19.0	19.5
8.	Urad	10.5	27.0	6.7
9.	Groudnut	21.7	28.6	18.6
10.	Soyabean	5.0	7.2	28.9
11.	Sunflower	22.5	22.1	18.0
12.	Sesamum	17.1	39.3	-1.9
13.	Nigerseed	14.1	54.4	7.3

Sl. No.	Crops	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
14.	Cotton	22.8	24.0	14.7
15.	Wheat	8.2	17.1	10.5
16.	Barley	2.6	44.8	9.6
17.	Gram	8.3	32.0	19.3
18.	Lentil	-5.1	19.2	18.8
19.	R & M	4.6	31.7	19.3
20.	Safflower	0.9	45.8	33.8
21.	Sugarcane	22.4	16.3	10.7
22.	Jute	24.3	19.8	6.9

Source : Comprehensive Scheme for studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi.

Note : A2+FL cost includes all expenses in cash and kind on account of hired human labour, bullock labour, machine labour, seed, insecticides and pesticides, manure, fertilizers irrigation charges and miscellaneous expenses including family labour.

Greenhouse rental service under Indo-Israeli Agriculture Project

1451. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Greenhouse rental service under the Indo-Israeli Agriculture Project;

(b) whether the scheme will be expanded to other States, if so, the road-map of the expansion and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the other schemes, if any, which are part of the Indo-Israeli Agriculture Project; and

(d) whether there are any other programmes implemented in cooperation with other nations to help the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIA): (a) and (b) There is no component of greenhouse rental service under Indo-Israel Action Plan. However, third phase (2015 - 18) of Indo-Israel action plan cooperation in the field of agriculture has been extended to 21 States.