

Statement

Number of farmers' deaths arising from accidents and suicides in the major cotton growing States during year 2012, 2013 and 2014

Sl. No.	States	2012	2013	2014	
				Farmers	Laborers
Northern States					
1.	Haryana	276	374	14	105
2.	Punjab	75	83	24	40
3.	Rajasthan	270	292	0	373
Central States					
4.	Gujarat	564	582	45	555
5.	Madhya Pradesh	1172	1090	826	372
6.	Maharashtra	3786	3146	2568	1436
Southern States					
7.	Telangana	NA	NA	898	449
8.	Andhra Pradesh	2572	2014	160	472
9.	Tamil Nadu	499	105	68	827
10.	Karnataka	1875	1403	321	447
TOTAL		11089	9089	4924	5076
GRAND TOTAL					30178

Source: Report on 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' for relevant years, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Conversion of agricultural land to other uses

1160. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the area under agriculture in the country has decreased due to growing urbanization and population pressure;

(b) if so, the percentage of area under agriculture for last five years, State-wise; and

(c) the Government's action plan to minimize conversion of agricultural land to other land use patterns, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) and (b) As per report on Land Use Statistics for 2013-14 (latest available), total area of agricultural land in the country has marginally declined from 182.46 million hectares in 2008-09 to 181.85 million hectares in 2013-14. State-wise details of agricultural land and its percentage over geographical area of the States in 2008-09 and 2013-14 are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) As per Seventh Schedule of Constitution of India, land comes under the purview of State Governments and, therefore, it is for the State Governments to take suitable steps to check diversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes. However, under the National Policy for Farmers-2007(NPF-2007), State Governments have been advised to earmark lands with low biological potential such as uncultivable land, land affected by salinity, acidity, etc., for non-agricultural developmental activities, including industrial and construction activities. The National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy-2007 (NRRP-2007) has also recommended that as far as possible, projects may be set up on waste land, degraded land or un-irrigated land. Acquisition of irrigated, multi-cropped agricultural land for non-agricultural uses may be kept to the minimum and avoided, to the extent possible.

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State-wise details of agricultural land and its percentage over geographical area of the States in 2008-09 and 2013-14.

States/UTs	Area (Thousand Hectares)			
	2008-09		2013-14	
	Agricultural Land	Percentage of Agricultural Land in the State to total Geographical Area of the State	Agricultural Land	Percentage of Agricultural Land in the State to total Geographical Area of the State
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	15928	57.91	8879	55.42
Arunachal Pradesh	422	5.04	424	5.06
Assam	3211	40.94	3357	42.80
Bihar	6620	70.30	6578	69.86
Chhattisgarh	5581	41.28	5550	41.05
Goa	197	53.30	197	53.30
Gujarat	12661	64.59	12661	64.59

1	2	3	4	5
Haryana	3728	84.32	3645	82.45
Himachal Pradesh	822	14.76	812	14.58
Jammu and Kashmir	1044	4.70	1070	4.82
Jharkhand	4289	53.80	4343	54.48
Karnataka	12892	67.22	12840	66.95
Kerala	2305	59.31	2279	58.64
Madhya Pradesh	17322	56.20	17267	56.02
Maharashtra	21149	68.73	21127	68.66
Manipur	243	10.90	384	17.18
Meghalaya	1053	46.95	1056	47.09
Mizoram	348	16.50	402	19.09
Nagaland	659	39.77	693	41.81
Odisha	7126	45.76	6797	43.65
Punjab	4215	83.69	4219	83.79
Rajasthan	25578	74.74	25542	74.63
Sikkim	98	13.80	97	13.59
Tamil Nadu	8146	62.63	8120	62.43
Telangana	State was constituted in June, 2014		6929	60.32
Tripura	278	26.48	273	26.03
Uttarakhand	1547	28.93	1550	28.98
Uttar Pradesh	19166	79.55	18955	78.68
West Bengal	5689	64.11	5662	63.80
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	27	3.25	28	3.37
Chandigarh	2	14.09	2	14.09
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	24	49.61	24	48.67
Daman and Diu	4	34.35	3	26.93

1	2	3	4	5
Delhi	54	36.19	53	35.65
Lakshadweep	2	78.17	2	78.17
Puducherry	30	63.12	30	61.63
ALL INDIA	182459	55.50	181850	55.32

Promoting organic manure

†1161. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides subsidy to farmers for procurement of organic manure also, on the lines of subsidy given by it on chemical fertilizers/manure, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of amount allocated for the said purpose in last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government for promoting organic manure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is promoting the establishment of fruit/vegetable market/agro waste compost production unit 100 Tonnes Per Day (TPD)/3000 Ton Per Annum (TPA) capacity under Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme (CISS) through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The financial assistance is provided through NABARD as back ended subsidy to farmers/individual/private agencies including the youth, @33% of Total Financial Outlay (TFO) Limited to ₹ 63 lakh, whichever is less. The details of funds released as subsidy to various States for setting up of fruit/vegetable market waste compost production unit is given in the Statement-I (*See below*).

(c) Government is encouraging production and use of organic manure/bio-fertilizers through various Schemes of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)/ Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), and National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The pattern of assistance is given in Statement-II.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.