

procurements are made by State Nodal Agencies directly from the farmers at Market Intervention Price (MIP), which is fixed based on cost of production. Procurements of selected commodities, namely, onion, potato and pulses are made under the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) Scheme directly from the farmers or the farmers associations at farm gate/rnandi to protect the farmers from exploitation by profiteers/middlemen.

Placing agricultural marketing in concurrent list

2097. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Government appointed high-level committee has called for placing agricultural marketing in the Concurrent List and for greater private sector participation in agri-marketing and logistics;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the other recommendations made by the said high-level committee; and
- (c) the reaction of Central Government on the recommendations made by the said Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) and (b) The Government has constituted a high level Inter-Ministerial Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Executive Officer, National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare to examine issues relating to doubling of farmers' income and recommend a strategy to achieve the same by the year 2022. In order to involve the stakeholders across the country in finalizing the strategy, the Committee has been placing its reports in instalments. As of now, seven volumes of the draft report including a volume on Agricultural marketing, have been uploaded on the website of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare inviting public opinion.

- (c) The committee has not submitted its final report to the Government. Hence, the reaction of the Government does not arise.

Compensation for families of farmers who committed suicide

2098. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers' suicide in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and