

transportation costs, supply chain constraints like lack of storage facilities, artificial shortage created by hoarding and black marketing, etc.

Statement

Consumer Price Index (Inflation %)

Months	2019	2020
January	1.97	7.59
February	2.57	6.58
March	2.86	5.84
April	2.99	*
May	3.05	*
June	3.18	6.23
July	3.15	6.73
August	3.28	6.69(P)

* - Inflation figures not released due to data inadequacy issues

P - Provisional

Source: MoSPI,

Suicide by farmers

672. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of suicide by farmers reported in the country during 2019 and 2020 till date, State-wise and district-wise in case of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government would announce a special financial package during the current financial year for farmers of the country who are compelled to commit suicide in view of the current COVID-19 situation which have aggravated their plights; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs compiles and disseminates information on suicides in its publication titled 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' (ADSI). These Reports

on suicides upto 2019 are available on its website. As per the Report the state-wise data on suicide committed by farmers for the year 2019 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The Government has proactively made the following interventions during Covid -19 Pandemic lockdown for the welfare of farmers across the country.

- (i) Allocating ₹20 lakh crore package for 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' which also includes Creation of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of ₹ 1 lakh crore and ₹ 500 crore for Bee-Keeping initiative.
- (ii) Brought out two Ordinances namely The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance, 2020 and Empowerment and Protection of farmers for Agreements of Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance, 2020.
- (iii) Since 24th March, 2020 under PM Kisan Scheme, an amount of ₹40000 crore has been deposited to the bank account of farmers.
- (iv) Government facilitated the farmer for timely harvest of the entire crop, resulting in record procurement of Rabi crop production.
- (v) Sowing Area coverage for Kharif Crops increased by 5.68% compared to the corresponding period during the last year.
- (vi) Several steps were taken to decongest wholesale market and to boost the supply chain like integration of e-NAM with e-NWR, insurance of passes/ e-passes to FPOs, launching of Uberisation Module of logistics aggregators for making transport available to the farmers for faster movement of farm produce, creation of separate cell in Department for monitoring supply and prices of essential goods and fruits and vegetables. Formulation and approval of Central Sector Scheme for promoting 1000 FPOs, launching of Kisan Rath Mobile App and Farm Machinery Mobile App.
- (vii) Starting of Kisan Rail to provide seamless connectivity among farmers, markets and consumers and help farmers send their perishable agro-products to inter-state markets in a time bound manner.

Statement*State-wise and year-wise details of Farmers suicide, for the year 2019*

Sl. No.	State/UT	2019	
		Farm Labourers	Farmers
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	401	628
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	0
3.	Assam	81	26
4.	Bihar	0	0
5.	Chhattisgarh	266	233
6.	Goa	1	0
7.	Gujarat	115	3
8.	Haryana	219	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4	12
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	31	0
11.	Jharkhand	55	0
12.	Karnataka	661	1331
13.	Kerala	128	22
14.	Madhya Pradesh	399	142
15.	Maharashtra	1247	2680
16.	Manipur	0	0
17.	Meghalaya	1	0
18.	Mizoram	4	22
19.	Nagaland	1	0
20.	Odisha	0	0
21.	Punjab	63	239

1	2	3	4
22.	Rajasthan	24	2
23.	Sikkim	2	0
24.	Tamil Nadu	421	6
25.	Telangana	8	491
26.	Tripura	38	0
27.	Uttar Pradesh	153	108
28.	Uttarakhand	0	0
29.	West Bengal	0	0
30.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	5
31.	Chandigarh	0	0
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	7
33.	Daman and Diu	0	0
34.	Delhi (UT)	0	0
35.	Lakshadweep	0	0
36.	Puducherry	0	0
TOTAL (ALL INDIA)		4324	5957

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

MSP coverage for more crops

673. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to increase MSP coverage for more crops in the short run due to COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if not, the manner in which Government is planning to pass on the benefits of positive growth in agriculture to farmers during a time of falling demand;