

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE BY FARMERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that 20 suicide deaths have been reported in a span of forty days due to drought from Telangana and Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the help Government is extending to the State, particularly to the families of farmers who have committed suicides?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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(a) to (c) : As per information made available by the State Government, 72 farmers committed suicide from January to October, 2009 on account of agrarian reasons, comprising 43 from Telangana region and 23 from Rayalaseema region of the state. The District-wise and month-wise distribution of these suicides is at Annexure I. The measures taken by the State Government to address the problem of drought affected areas includes Drought Contingency Plan of Rs. 91.92 crore to provide for various alternate crop seeds of which Rs.35.00 crore has already been released by the Government towards seed subsidy. Total input subsidy amount of Rs.471.46 crore has already been released towards input subsidy to the small/marginal farmers whose crops are affected due to drought in 19 Districts of Andhra Pradesh. A Rehabilitation Package for 16 suicide prone districts of Andhra Pradesh with an approved provision of Rs.9650.55 crore is under implementation since September 2006. Till 30th September, 2009, 94.52% of the approved provision has been released by Central/State Government and Banks.