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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2428

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13/03/2026

STUDY ON DEBT PER AGRICULTURE HOUSEHOLD

2428. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJE:

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

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to conduct a study on Debt Per Agriculture Household in 2025, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the number of farmers, agriculture labourers who committed suicide due to high debt in last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a): The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), through the National Statistical Office (NSO), periodically conducts sample surveys, including the Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households, to collect information on various aspects relating to agricultural households, including indebtedness. The latest Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households was conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), during NSS 77th round (January, 2019 – December, 2019) in the rural areas of the country.

(b): 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). The report till 2023 is available on NCRB website (<https://ncrb.gov.in>). The reasons for suicides are wide ranging and ADSI Report does not specify separate reasons for farmers suicide.
