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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1226
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH JULY, 2021

DATA ON FARMERS SUICIDE

1226. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government compiles categorised data of the suicides of farmers;
- (b) if so, the details of the number of farmers committed suicide during the last three years, State-wise along with reasons;
- (c) whether the main reason of suicide is inability to repay the loans;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for the farmers who are completely unable to repay their loans; and
- (e) whether the loan-waiver is an adequate measure and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): 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). NCRB has published reports upto 2019 which are available on its website. The State-wise number of suicide committed by farmers, as per NCRB Report 2017 to 2019, is at Annexure.

In the ADSI Report 2019, the reasons for farmers' suicide have not been given. However, the causes of suicides by persons (including farmers) are 'Family Problems', 'Illness', 'Drug Abuse/ Addiction', 'Marriage Related Issues', 'Love Affairs', 'Bankruptcy

or 'Indebtedness', 'Failure in Examination', 'Unemployment', 'Professional/Career Problem' and 'Property Dispute'.

(d) & (e): Under the Agriculture Loan Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme announced in the Union Budget 2008-09, 3.73 crore farmers of different states were benefitted for an amount of Rs 52,259.86 crore. Since all the farmers are not covered under institutional credit, only a few farmers were benefitted from the loan waiver scheme.

State-wise details of Farmers' suicide for the year 2017 to 2019

Sl. No.	State/UT	2017	2018	2019
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	375	365	628
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0
3	ASSAM	3	5	26
4	BIHAR	0	0	0
5	CHHATTISGARH	285	182	233
6	GOA	0	0	0
7	GUJARAT	4	21	3
8	HARYANA	0	0	0
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	4	5	12
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	5	0
11	JHARKHAND	0	0	0
12	KARNATAKA	1157	1365	1331
13	KERALA	42	25	22
14	MADHYA PRADESH	429	303	142
15	MAHARASHTRA	2426	2239	2680
16	MANIPUR	0	2	0
17	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0
18	MIZORAM	0	17	22
19	NAGALAND	0	0	0
20	ODISHA	0	0	0
21	PUNJAB	243	229	239
22	RAJASTHAN	3	2	2
23	SIKKIM	7	1	0
24	TAMIL NADU	19	6	6
25	TELANGANA	846	900	491
26	TRIPURA	0	0	0
27	UTTAR PRADESH	110	80	108
28	UTTARAKHAND	0	0	0
29	WEST BENGAL	0	0	0
30	A & N ISLANDS	2	4	5
31	CHANDIGARH	0		0
32	D & N HAVELI	0	7	7
33	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0
34	DELHI (UT)	0	0	0
35	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	5955	5763	5957

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