

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1419
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2022

SUICIDE BY FARMERS

1419. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that as many as 9,291 farmers have committed suicide between 2000 and 2018 in six districts of Punjab according to a Punjab Agriculture University (PAU) study;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the marginal and small farmers were the chief victims of suicide;

(d) whether 75 percent of farmers who have committed suicide were between the ages of 19 and 35 years; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) maintains records of suicides by farmers in the country. The NCRB maintains its data only in terms of farmers/cultivators and agricultural labourers, gender-wise (Male, Female, Transgender). As per NCRB report, a total number of 1805 farmers committed suicide during the years 2000-2018, in Punjab.
