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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1594 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH JULY, 2025

REASONS FOR FARMERS' SUICIDES

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

- (a) whether farmers including marginal and small farmers are forced to commit suicide in the country despite India is mainly an agricultural country and 70% of its population directly or indirectly depends on agriculture for their livelihood;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the reasons regarding the suicide being committed by large number of farmers, particularly by farmers of Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh for the last several years; and
- (c) the details of concrete steps being taken by the Government to check the farmers suicide and to provide financial assistance, modern methods of farming and equipments?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(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). The report till 2022 is available on NCRB website (https://ncrb.gov.in). Reasons for suicides are wide ranging. Agriculture is a State Subject. Ex gratia or relief is provided by State Governments as per State provisions & rules.

Government of India supports the States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary allocation for schemes for farmers welfare. Schemes/ programmes of Government of India aim to increase production, provide remunerative returns and income support to farmers. The Government has substantially enhanced the budget allocation of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) from Rs. 21,933.50 crore BE during 2013-14 to Rs. 1,27,290.16 crore BE during 2025-26. Major schemes/ programmes initiated by DA&FW to enhance overall income of farmers and remunerative returns in the agriculture sector are as under:

- 1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- 2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)

- 3. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/ Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
- 4. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
- 5. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
- 6. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 new Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)
- 7. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
- 8. Namo Drone Didi
- 9. National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
- 10. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
- 11. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)
- 12. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
- 13. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
- 14. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
- 15. Soil Health & Fertility (SH&F)
- 16. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
- 17. Agroforestry
- 18. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
- 19. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
- 20. Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
- 21. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
- 22. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)
- 23. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
- 24. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
- 25. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
- 26. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
- 27. Digital Agriculture Mission
- 28. National Bamboo Mission
