

## **Regarding alleged suicides committed by cotton farmers in Yavatmal-Washim Parliamentary Constituency**

**SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH (YAVATMAL-WASHIM):** Hon?ble Speaker Sir, my Lok Sabha Constituency Yavatmal-Washim falls in Vidarbha region. This area is recognized for cotton and soyabean cultivation. These districts are contributing well to the agriculture sector but the condition of farmers is very pathetic. Yavatmal is notorious for farmers? suicides. Since 2001 to 2024, around 6000 farmers have committed suicide in Yavatmal district. Around 2000 farmers have committed suicide in Washim district too. These are not the figures of suicides only but all these families have been destroyed completely.

Sir, the main cause of these suicides is the MSP. Three years ago, the MSP for cotton was Rs. 10000 per quintal and for soyabean, it was around Rs. 8000 per quintal. But, it has been lowered drastically. Therefore, the burden of debt is ever increasing on the farmers.

Vidharbha is mainly a cotton growing region but, there is no cotton processing industry here.

So, it is my humble request to the Government to kindly look into this matter. Thank you.