

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:224
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SUICIDES BY FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of suicides by farmers reported in the country from July 2002 to June 2003, State-wise;
- (b) whether despite Government's announcement for non-recovery of principal amount of loans in drought hit areas during 2002-03, the banks, including rural and cooperative banks continued to coerce the farmers for immediate recovery of loans and interests; and
- (c) if so, the Government's reaction thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): No report has been received from any State regarding suicides by farmers during July, 2002 to June, 2003.
- (b): No reports have been received regarding use of coercive measures for recovery of loans during 2002-03 in drought affected areas.
- (c): Does not arise.