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FARMERS' SUICIDE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers' suicide across States between 2018-2022;
- (b) the reasons behind it in terms of cultivation per hectare and cost of cultivation per household across States between 2018-2022; and
- (c) the outstanding debt of households in rural areas across States between 2018-2022?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): 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 2021 on its website (<https://ncrb.gov.in>).

The Cost of production is one of the important determinants of Minimum Support Price (MSP). The Government, since 2018 has taken a decision to give a margin of 50% over cost of production.

(c): As per National Statistical Office (NSO) Report "Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households and Land and Holdings of Households in Rural India, 2019", average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household is Rs.74,121/-.
