

STATE OF FARMERS

After much delay, the Centre reluctantly released the data on farmer suicide. While the overall numbers have dipped, farmer suicide cases are being reported from more states/UTs

22 states/UTs recorded farmer suicides in 2016. It was 20 in 2015

24 states/UTs recorded suicides by agricultural labourers in 2016. It was 26 in 2015

10 states/UTs recorded an increase in farmer suicides between 2015 and 2016

2015 suicides2016 suicides



2015

Punjab

2015

2016

Arunachal

Pradesh

→ -14%

132%

2016

2016 **69**

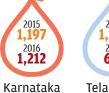
Uttar Pradesh

2015

→ -52%

Maharashtra **↓** -16%





2015 **57**

2016 **30**

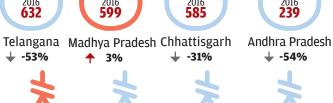
Gujarat

→ -47%











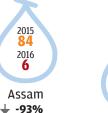
Kerala

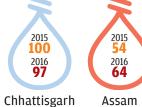




2015

2016





AGRICULTURAL

LABOURERS# SUICIDES

Madhya Pradesh Andhra Pradesh

5.109

2016

-41.3%

Haryana

+86.6%

4.595

2015

1.8%

Kerala

44%

2015 **100**

↓ -3%

Puducherry

125%

2015 **42**

2016 **13**

Telangana

→ -69.1%



2015 **21**

2016 **21**

J&K*

2015

2016

Mizoram

† 600%



2015 **1,261**

2016 **1,111**

Maharashtra

₩-11.9%

Gujarat

† 54.9%

2015 **179**

Uttar Pradesh

↓-35.8%

Karnataka

133.1%

2015 **604**

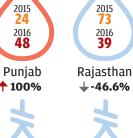
2016 **345**

Tamil Nadu

→ -42.9%

Odisha

1 274.1%











†200%

2015 2016 **3** Uttarakhand

50%

2016 Rajasthan **4** 33%

2016 **4** Tripura

2016 **36**

Tamil Nadu

1700%

2015 2016 **3** A&N Islands **†** 300%

↑ 667% 2016 Jharkhand

2015 **2** Meghalaya 0%

2016 **20**

Odisha

→ -13%

0

Puducherry

Manipur

#Farmers cultivate their own land with or without assistance of agricultural labourers Source: Report on Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India 2016 released by National Crime Records Bureau in 2019

WHAT AILS OUR FARMERS

While National Crime Records Bureau remained silent on the reasons behind farmer suicides, another government report covering farmer distress in 2016-17 cited three reasons



Frequent crop failure due to vagaries of monsoon



Absence of assured water resources



Pest attacks/ diseases

