

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

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

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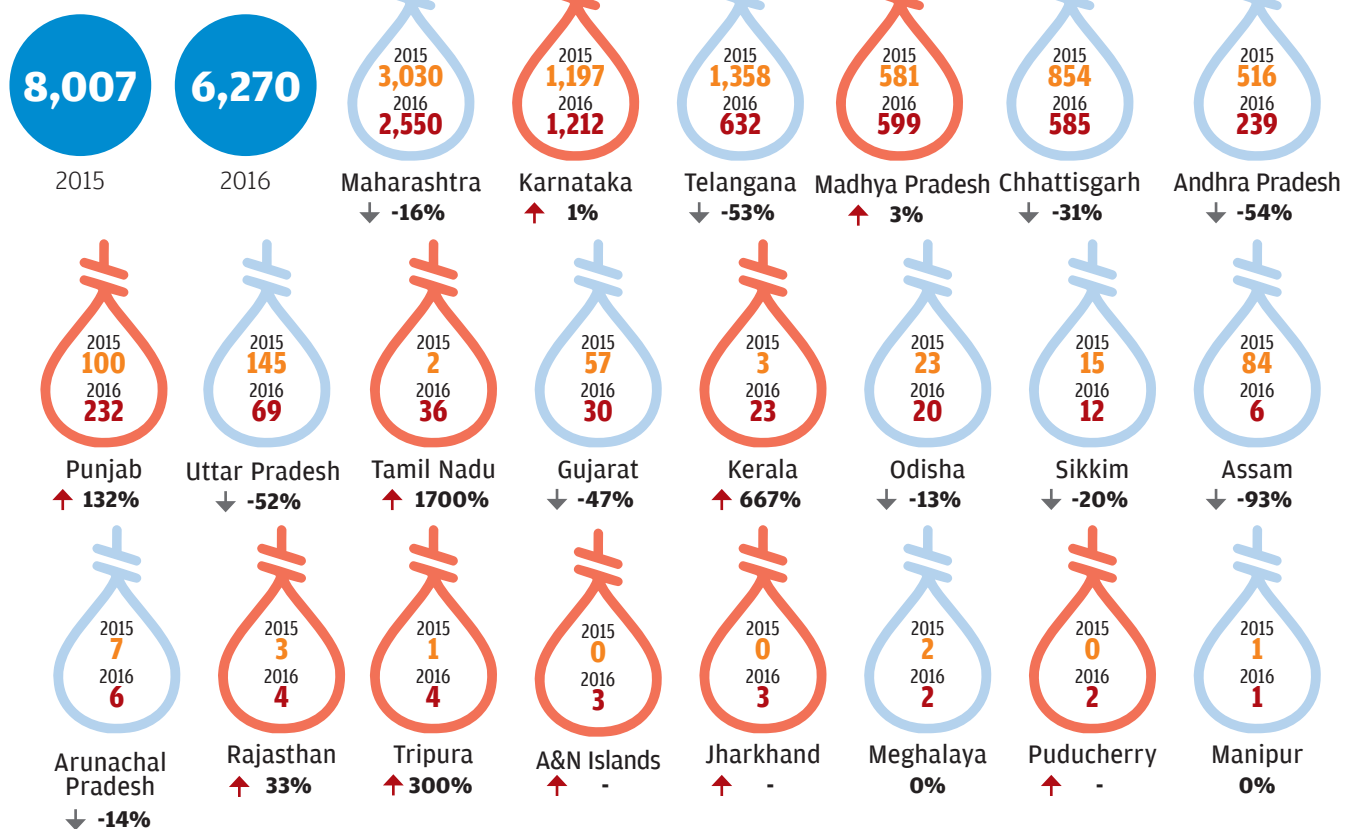
states/UTs recorded suicides by agricultural labourers in 2016. It was 26 in 2015

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

● 2015 suicides ● 2016 suicides

FARMER* SUICIDES



*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

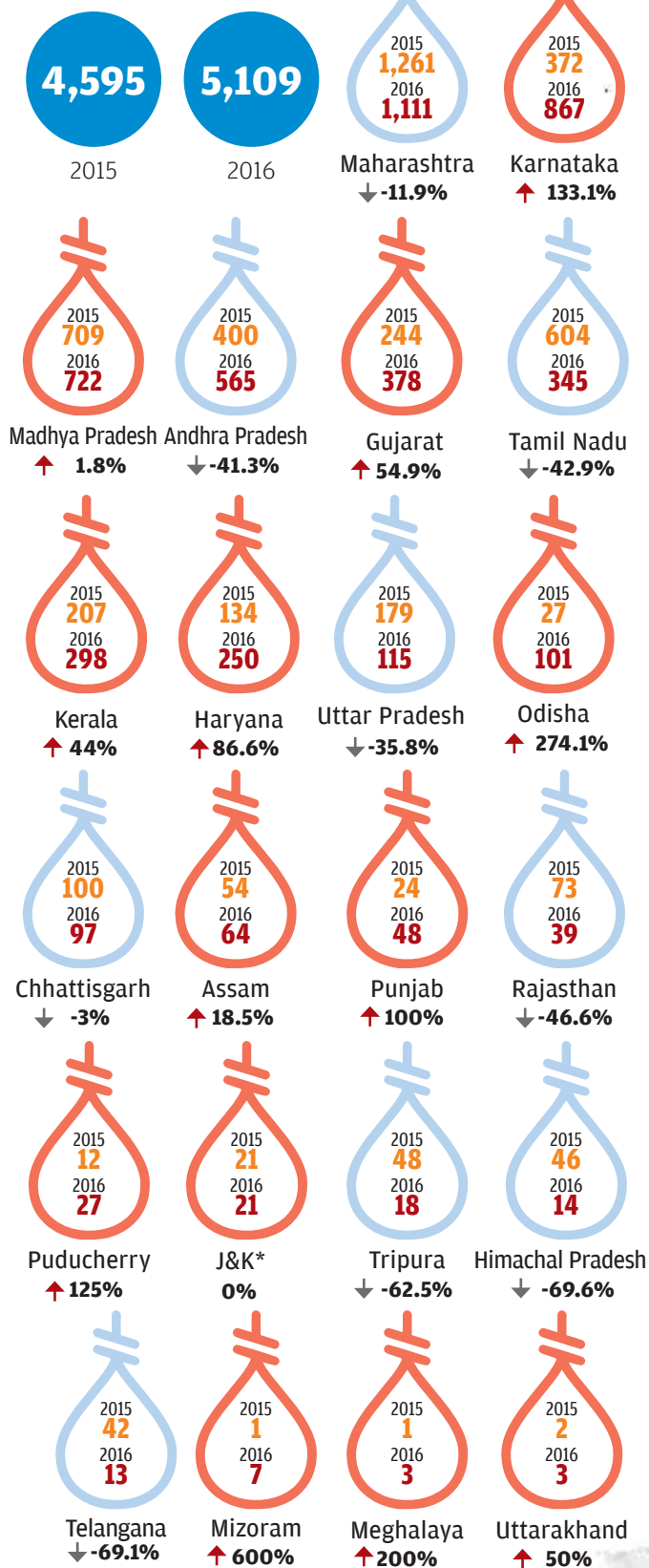


Absence of assured water resources



Pest attacks/diseases

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS* SUICIDES



● 2015 suicides ● 2016 suicides

* Before bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir

Agricultural labourers cultivate on leased land/work on lease/on other's land with or without assistance of agricultural labourers
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