



A Case Study

Causes and remedies of farmers suicide in Marathwada region of Maharashtra state

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SUMMARY : Recently the phenomenon of suicides of the farmers in Marathwada and other part of the country is one of the most tragic events in the history of India. In Marathwada particularly in low rainfall and low irrigation tracts, farmer's suicides have been happening in droves and the frightening phenomenon continues to persist and recur year after year, without any signs of abatement, hence, this issue has been an important among thinkers, researcher and social workers. The data from twelve respondents were collected from Parbhani and Beed district with the help of interview schedule. The results of the case studies pointed out that the causes of suicide are complex as are the causes of any social phenomenon. The main causes behind suicides found were indebtedness, low productivity, crop failure, low income, more expenditure than income and inability to fulfill family requirements. Majority family members of the deceased farmers suggested for remunerative prices to their farm produce, complete waiving of old loans, immediate Govt. help in natural calamities, provision of irrigation facilities, sound infrastructure facilities for agriculture, creation of subsidiary occupation and other income sources and provision of labours at cheaper rate as the important measures to be taken to prevent the recurrence of suicide tragedies.

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