



## **FARMER SUICIDES IN INDIA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Suicide is a pathological social happening. It is an act self destruction by a human being. A normal human being will never venture into taking away one's own life in normal course of societal living. The farmers' suicide result when farmers find no way out to come out of the debt trap, they have fallen into. The farmers, who committed suicide were relatively better off and did not belong to chronically poor category. These farmers were able to provide collateral security to the financial institutions for taking loan. Most of them came from small sized nuclear families and had all the typical qualities of an entrepreneur. They displayed change proneness and a willingness to take risk on persuasion by the agricultural extension workers and agents of companies selling hybrid seeds and fertilizers. It is sad to note that such enterprising farmers are led to commit suicide, because they feel they have pawned the future of their families by making wrong choices. It is because of the belief that they have lost control over their lives, that they develop a sense of helplessness which forces them to take the extreme step of ending their lives.*

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