

PROBLEMS FACED BY FARMERS IN INDIA

India is believed to be one of the biggest developing democracies in the world. India has a vast population of people, most of them who are farmers. They are the people who served you lunch today. Indian farmers live the same way they used to decades ago. Most probably, because agriculture is no more a profit-making profession for them. Listed below are the various problems that are faced by our country's farmers.

- **Unavailability of good quality seeds-**

As we all know, seeds are the basic unit of agriculture; just as cells are the basic unit of a human body. There is a lack of good quality seeds in India. Even if they are available, they are so expensive that the poor farmers cannot afford them. Due to this reason, the farmers cannot produce good quality crops and this results to the farmers loss. They don't get the high quality seeds because of which, they are compelled to use the traditional crops.

- **Inadequate water supply-**

Most of us are already aware how much the villagers suffer for clean and hygienic water supply. 75% of rural India's population do not get access to clean water, and this population includes the farmers as well. The water that they get cannot fulfill their daily needs. About 200,000 people die every year for lack of access to safe water. India is currently facing the biggest crisis in its history. India's water shortage is often attributed to the lack of prior planning, increased corporate privatization. In addition, water scarcity in India is expected to be much worst as the overall population is expected to increase to 1.6 billion by year 2050.

This is unbelievable but true. In these harsh times, the situation with the farmers is even more worse. The farmers don't the exact amount of water required by the crops due to which, most sensitive crops die.

- **Modern Facilities are not in use-**

India's farmers are considered to be much more hardworking than any other country globally. As I have said before too that the farmers live the same way they used to live years ago. In most of the states, farmers follow primitive cultivation methods. Traditional plough and old accessories are in use even today. Despite modern facilities being used widely, most farmers of our country prefer using manual equipments, because of which huge stocks are not produced in bulk.

- **Suicides by Farmers-**

We all are aware that we completely depend on the farmers of our country for our daily diet. Farmers are considered to be the backbone of the Indian economy. But we need to make sure we are taking a good care of the backbone, which we are not doing. It is our utmost priority to take care of the backbone. The number of farmer suicides increase every day. There are many reasons; indebtedness, poverty, farming related issues, family problems and the list continues ahead. A farmer sacrifices so much for his country's people and we cannot do anything to help them. Farmers live in grief and suffer through tough situations, they end up giving their lives just for us. The Indian farmers mostly,

are not paid for the work done by them. All of the above reasons lead to the suicide of farmers. Even after so much being happening, many cases are neglected and are left unnoticed.

CONCLUSION-

We have went through almost every problem faced by the farmers of our Nation. If we want farmers to be living the way we are, we first need to change their mindset and then their lifestyle. We cannot force anyone to do something they are not willing to. We must solve all the above listed problems in order to improve the lifestyle of farmers. If we do the same, India will be no longer called 'A developing country' but hopefully 'A developed country'.