

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2767

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD DECEMBER, 2015/PAUSHA 2,1937 (SAKA)

HIGHEST NUMBER OF SUICIDE CASES IN INDIA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about a latest data according to which India has recorded highest number of suicide cases in the world due to various reasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has conducted any analysis thereof, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of corrective measures/steps taken by Government in consultation with the State Governments to prevent/ minimize cases of suicides in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) collects data on suicides reported in India only and not of other countries. Hence, it is not possible to compare the figure of suicides committed in India with those of foreign countries. However, State/UT-wise causes of suicides reported during 2014 is at Annexure.

(c) to (d): Law commission of India in its 210th Report "Humanization and Decriminalization of attempt to Suicide" had recommended that Section 309 (attempt to commit suicide) of Indian Penal Code need to be effaced from the statute book. 'Public Health' and 'Public Order' are the State subjects. However, the Government of India attaches highest importance in the matter and has approved implementation of the District Mental Health Programme in some of the districts of the country with added components of suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counseling in schools and colleges.

State/UT wise causes of suicides during 2014

Sl. No.	Cause	Male	Female	Transgender	Total	
1	Bankruptcy or Indebtedness	2098	210	0	2308	
2	Marriage Related Issues (Total)	2362	4411	0	6773	
	2.1 Non Settlement of Marriage	490	606	0	1096	
	2.2 Dowry Related Issues	39	2222	0	2261	
	2.3 Extra Marital affairs	227	249	0	476	
	2.4 Divorce	150	183	0	333	
	2.5 Others	1456	1151	0	2607	
3	Failure in Examination	1358	1045	0	2403	
4	Impotency/Infertility	127	205	0	332	
5	Other Family problems	18623	9977	2	28602	
6	Illness (Total)	16078	7663	5	23746	
	6.1 AIDS/STD	184	48	1	233	
	6.2 Cancer	407	175	0	582	
	6.3 Paralysis	301	107	0	408	
	6.4 Insanity/ Mental Illness	4761	2341	2	7104	
	6.5 Other Prolonged Illness	10425	4992	2	15419	
7	Death of Dear Person	658	323	0	981	
8	Drug Abuse/Alcoholic Addiction	3555	91	1	3647	
9	Fall in Social Reputation	361	129	0	490	
10	Ideological Causes/Hero Worshipping	43	13	0	56	
11	Love Affairs	2441	1727	0	4168	
12	Poverty	1419	280	0	1699	
13	Unemployment	1965	242	0	2207	
14	Property Dispute	874	193	0	1067	
15	Suspected/ Illicit Relation (Other than Sl. No.2.3)	253	205	0	458	
16	Illegitimate Pregnancy (Other than Sl. No.2.3)	0	56	0	56	
17	Physical Abuse (Rape, etc.)	6	68	0	74	
18	Professional/Career Problem	792	111	0	903	
19	Causes Not Known	11308	4955	1	16264	
20	Other Causes	24808	10617	7	35432	
21	Total	89129	42521	16	131666	
