

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1278**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2015

**Increasing number of suicides by women athletes in SAI centres**

1278. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is an increasing number of suicides by women athletes in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has strengthened the security systems in the SAI centres apart from other facilities for the athletes specially for women athletes?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b): Sir, in the recent past there has been one incident in which four girls of Sports Authority of India (SAI) Special Area Games(SAG) Centre at Alappuzha (Alleppy) tried to commit suicide by consuming a poisonous fruit on 06.05.2015. As a result, one of them namely Ms Aparna Ramabhadran died on 07.05.2015.

(c) Action has been taken to strengthen the security of each SAI Training Centre (STC)/ SAG in the country and lady wardens have been appointed, especially in the centres having women athletes.

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