

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 878**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE JULY 25TH, 2018/SHRAVANA 3, 1940 (SAKA)

SUICIDES IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that suicides in the country have gone up over 50 per cent in the last three years;**
- (b) if so, whether young adults account for 33 per cent of suicides therefor;**
- (c) whether it is also a fact that suicide deaths among men are higher than women thereof;**
- (d) the State-wise detailed report of suicide for age group between 20-45 and 45-60 therein; and**
- (e) the reasons behind these suicides and the policy of Government to combat the situation?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

- (a) to (b) : As per the data maintained by the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB), a total of 1,31,666, 1,33,623 and 1,30,691 persons have committed suicides in the country during 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively. In the age group of 18 to 30 years a total of 43,130 persons committed suicides in the country in 2016, which constitutes 33% of total suicides in 2016.**
- (c): A total of 41,971 females have committed suicide in 2016 as against the total number of 1,30,691 persons.**
- (d): State/ UT-wise and age-group wise details on suicides during 2014-2016 are at Annexure-I.**
- (e): There are many reasons for suicides in the country. Cause-wise and Gender-wise details on suicides during 2016 is at Annexure-II.**

State/UT-wise and Age group-wise Suicides during 2016*

Sl. No.	State/UT	below 14 years	14 and above – below 18 years	18 and above – below 30 years	30 and above – below 45 years	45 and above – below 60 years	60 years & above	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	48	312	2076	2101	1054	468	6059
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3	14	45	40	18	1	121
3	Assam	18	276	1003	1052	565	109	3023
4	Bihar	18	73	178	94	31	17	411
5	Chhattisgarh	174	476	2419	1886	1242	508	6705
6	Goa	4	14	75	83	64	33	273
7	Gujarat	55	496	2859	2506	1317	502	7735
8	Haryana	68	172	1174	1148	598	194	3354
9	Himachal Pradesh	10	37	209	237	121	28	642
10	Jammu & Kashmir	3	12	166	108	31	3	323
11	Jharkhand	26	103	416	425	278	44	1292
12	Karnataka	72	386	3164	3899	2305	861	10687
13	Kerala	39	203	1402	2164	2279	1618	7705
14	Madhya Pradesh	127	932	4095	3084	1638	566	10442
15	Maharashtra	99	889	5633	5804	3285	1485	17195
16	Manipur	1	4	13	15	3	1	37
17	Meghalaya	5	15	58	43	29	16	166
18	Mizoram	0	5	43	49	23	4	124
19	Nagaland	0	2	18	11	3	0	34
20	Odisha	36	338	1273	1310	783	164	3904
21	Punjab	11	50	461	549	298	71	1440
22	Rajasthan	28	266	1461	1217	544	162	3678
23	Sikkim	9	18	86	83	46	21	263
24	Tamil Nadu	140	743	4436	4954	3400	1509	15182
25	Telangana	46	312	2288	3048	2403	922	9019
26	Tripura	5	55	191	232	161	33	677
27	Uttar Pradesh	45	236	1798	1016	339	84	3518
28	Uttarakhand	3	5	53	52	23	16	152
29	West Bengal	164	843	4800	4770	2321	553	13451
	Total (States)	1257	7287	41893	41980	25202	9993	127612
30	A & N Islands	1	7	36	43	39	20	146
31	Chandigarh	0	7	49	46	19	2	123
32	D&N Haveli	1	4	26	14	9	1	55
33	Daman & Diu	1	8	21	4	1	1	36
34	Delhi UT	58	204	947	656	197	93	2155
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
36	Puducherry	9	18	156	154	160	64	561
	Total (UTs)	70	248	1237	918	425	181	3079
	Total (All India)	1327	7535	43130	42898	25627	10174	130691

Source: 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India'

* Provisional

State/UT-wise and Age group-wise Suicides during 2015

Sl. No.	State/UT	below 14 years	14 and above – below 18 years	18 and above – below 30 years	30 and above – below 45 years	45 and above – below 60 years	60 years & above	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	68	280	2207	1972	1137	562	6226
2	Arunachal Pradesh	10	26	31	44	14	10	135
3	Assam	6	352	1277	1166	388	42	3231
4	Bihar	6	86	239	142	36	7	516
5	Chhattisgarh	220	513	2562	2222	1185	416	7118
6	Goa	5	11	85	119	49	33	302
7	Gujarat	45	473	2725	2373	1159	471	7246
8	Haryana	77	171	1255	1229	606	207	3545
9	Himachal Pradesh	5	26	176	184	121	31	543
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4	21	127	170	42	8	372
11	Jharkhand	14	70	250	273	185	43	835
12	Karnataka	85	614	3248	3853	2233	753	10786
13	Kerala	38	259	1255	2197	2289	1654	7692
14	Madhya Pradesh	167	893	4132	3131	1428	542	10293
15	Maharashtra	61	730	5391	5880	3450	1458	16970
16	Manipur	1	4	13	15	3	1	37
17	Meghalaya	3	17	78	55	14	5	172
18	Mizoram	2	15	58	36	10	2	123
19	Nagaland	1	3	12	2	3	0	21
20	Odisha	48	314	1312	1371	770	272	4087
21	Punjab	2	44	364	403	188	48	1049
22	Rajasthan	22	253	1394	1142	510	136	3457
23	Sikkim	16	18	85	63	41	18	241
24	Tamil Nadu	139	844	4679	5040	3488	1587	15777
25	Telangana	33	295	2827	3605	2323	1057	10140
26	Tripura	5	53	214	257	153	64	746
27	Uttar Pradesh	58	306	1818	1234	377	109	3902
28	Uttarakhand	7	14	188	176	72	18	475
29	West Bengal	265	1029	4691	5319	2654	644	14602
	Total (States)	1413	7734	42693	43673	24928	10198	130639
30	A & N Islands	2	13	45	39	37	22	158
31	Chandigarh	1	21	36	44	16	3	121
32	D&N Haveli	1	7	47	24	15	12	106
33	Daman & Diu	2	1	17	18	0	0	38
34	Delhi UT	42	152	856	573	172	50	1845
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	2	2	1	0	5
36	Puducherry	7	12	156	220	207	109	711
	Total (UTs)	55	206	1159	920	448	196	2984
	Total (All India)	1468	7940	43852	44593	25376	10394	133623

Source: 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India'

State/UT-wise and Age group-wise Suicides during 2014

Sl. No.	State/UT	below 14 years	14 and above – below 18 years	18 and above – below 30 years	30 and above – below 45 years	45 and above – below 60 years	60 years & above	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	55	343	2053	2172	1073	405	6101
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6	19	71	41	17	2	156
3	Assam	11	397	1217	1228	624	69	3546
4	Bihar	15	66	260	235	87	56	719
5	Chhattisgarh	98	430	2080	1702	1011	362	5683
6	Goa	3	8	95	91	65	29	291
7	Gujarat	54	446	2657	2472	1166	430	7225
8	Haryana	50	183	1164	1105	540	161	3203
9	Himachal Pradesh	10	27	241	229	102	35	644
10	Jammu & Kashmir	3	22	111	80	34	8	258
11	Jharkhand	45	180	482	371	185	37	1300
12	Karnataka	93	771	3590	3617	2206	668	10945
13	Kerala	53	277	1498	2424	2426	1768	8446
14	Madhya Pradesh	145	906	3806	2568	1181	433	9039
15	Maharashtra	115	773	5628	5483	2972	1336	16307
16	Manipur	3	9	16	14	7	1	50
17	Meghalaya	5	11	35	30	13	5	99
18	Mizoram	4	4	48	39	15	6	116
19	Nagaland	0	2	5	4	1	1	13
20	Odisha	61	487	1449	1195	752	216	4160
21	Punjab	7	61	376	307	159	33	943
22	Rajasthan	77	309	1756	1504	643	170	4459
23	Sikkim	12	23	75	76	45	13	244
24	Tamil Nadu	272	924	4936	5145	3421	1424	16122
25	Telangana	63	350	3063	3223	1955	969	9623
26	Tripura	21	96	246	205	132	62	762
27	Uttar Pradesh	82	316	1702	1036	355	99	3590
28	Uttarakhand	2	38	103	44	14	6	207
29	West Bengal	305	1481	4864	4865	2040	755	14310
	Total (States)	1670	8959	43627	41505	23241	9559	128561
30	A & N Islands	3	14	47	40	26	25	155
31	Chandigarh	0	11	48	31	14	1	105
32	D&N Haveli	1	10	33	16	9	7	76
33	Daman & Diu	0	1	13	10	2	1	27
34	Delhi UT	41	219	958	563	235	79	2095
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
36	Puducherry	5	16	156	217	161	89	644
	Total (UTs)	50	271	1256	879	447	202	3105
	Total (All India)	1720	9230	44883	42384	23688	9761	131666

Source: 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India'

Causes of Suicides and Age & Gender-wise -2016 (Provisional)

Sl. No.	Cause	Below 18 years			18 yrs. –Below 30 years			30 yrs. – Below 45 years		
		M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Family Problems	896	1314	2210	8853	8748	17603	10901	5701	16602
	1.1 Domestic Family problems	818	1094	1912	7356	5524*	12880	9432	4299	13731
	1.2 Marriage Related Issues	50	171	221	1122	2900	4022	1030	1155	2185
	1.2.1 Dowry Related Issues	3	36	39	63	1533	1596	67	447	514
	1.2.2 Non Settlement of Marriage	29	37	66	391	479	870	287	185	472
	1.2.3 Extra Marital affairs	4	17	21	254	238	492	224	144	368
	1.2.4 Divorce	2	2	4	80	113	193	122	94	216
	1.2.5 Others	12	79	91	334	537	871	330	285	615
	1.3 Death of dear person	17	22	39	204	137	341	254	127	381
	1.4 Suspected/Illicit relation (other than Sl. No.1. 2.3)	11	21	32	171	163	334	185	113	298
	1.5 Illegitimate Pregnancy (other than Sl. No. 1.2.3)	0	6	6	0	26	26	0	7	7
2	Illness	377	555	932	3222	2072	5297	4663	2075	6738
	2.1 Insanity/Mental illness	186	225	411	1549	780*	2329	1865	868	2733
	2.2 Cancer	2	3	5	74	36	110	179	68	247
	2.3 Paralysis	8	6	14	77	40	117	146	63	209
	2.4 AIDS/STD	1	3	4	28	14	42	69	28	97
	2.5 Other prolonged illness	180	318	498	1494	1205	2699	2404	1048	3452
3	Drug abuse/addiction	38	5	43	1253	19	1272	2013	48	2061
4	Love affairs	303	639	942	1654	1257	2911	441	237	678
5	Bankruptcy or indebtedness	14	7	21	558	49	607	1419	121	1540
6	Property dispute	51	10	61	425	86	511	908	166	1074
7	Failure in Examination	670	665	1335	572	433	1005	41	10	51
8	Unemployment	33	6	39	948	90	1038	767	106	873
9	Professional/Career Problem	47	34	81	440	154	594	553	121	674
10	Poverty	26	21	47	224	93	317	297	102	399
11	Fall in social reputation	8	14	22	129	86	215	175	142	317
12	Impotency/Infertility	9	6	15	39	76*	115	71	62	133
13	Ideological causes/Hero worshipping	4	13	17	36	14	50	22	5	27
14	Physical Abuse (Rape, etc.)	2	14	16	26	31	57	8	18	26
15	Other causes	925	746	1671	4550	2122*	6672	5204	1786*	6990
16	Causes not known	700	710	1410	3227	1639*	4866	3474	1241	4715
Total		4103	4759	8862	26156	16974	43130	30957	11941	42898

Note: 'M' – refers to Male, 'F' – refers to Female, 'Tr' – refers to Transgender and 'T' – Total

* includes Transgender Deaths due to:

- Domestic Family Problems - 2 (18–30 years)
- Insanity/Mental Illness - 3 (18–30 years)
- Impotency/Infertility - 1 (18–30 years)
- Other Causes - 2 each (18–30 years & 30-45 Years)
- Causes not Known - 4 (18–30 years)

Causes of Suicides and Age & Gender-wise -2016 (Provisional)

Sl. No.	Cause	45 yrs. – Below 60 years			60 years & above			Total			
		M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	Tr	T
1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	Family Problems	6057	2000	8057	1712	627	2339	28419	18390	2	46811
	1.1 Domestic Family problems	5523	1755	7278	1558	550	2108	24687	13220	2	37909
	1.2 Marriage Related Issues	282	140	422	38	22	60	2522	4388	0	6910
	1.2.1 Dowry Related Issues	9	32	41	0	1	1	142	2049	0	2191
	1.2.2 Non Settlement of Marriage	47	9	56	1	5	6	755	715	0	1470
	1.2.3 Extra Marital affairs	75	29	104	6	3	9	563	431	0	994
	1.2.4 Divorce	34	25	59	3	1	4	241	235	0	476
	1.2.5 Others	117	45	162	28	12	40	821	958	0	1779
	1.3 Death of dear person	185	76	261	108	53	161	768	415	0	1183
	1.4 Suspected/Illicit relation (other than Sl. No.1. 2.3)	67	28	95	8	2	10	442	327	0	769
	1.5 Illegitimate Pregnancy (other than Sl. No. 1.2.3)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	40	0	40
2	Illness	4115	1499	5614	2659	1175	3834	15036	7376	3	22415
	2.1 Insanity/Mental illness	1366	622	1988	781	386	1167	5747	2878	3	8628
	2.2 Cancer	237	84	321	121	73	194	613	264	0	877
	2.3 Paralysis	177	69	246	120	37	157	528	215	0	743
	2.4 AIDS/STD	26	9	35	14	6	20	138	60	0	198
	2.5 Other prolonged illness#	2309	715	3024	1623	673	2296	8010	3959	0	11969
3	Drug abuse/addiction	1436	26	1462	358	4	362	5098	102	0	5200
4	Love affairs	43	7	50	0	0	0	2441	2140	0	4581
5	Bankruptcy or indebtedness	1119	79	1198	328	16	344	3438	272	0	3710
6	Property dispute	666	111	777	140	33	173	2190	406	0	2596
7	Failure in Examination	13	4	17	3	2	5	1299	1114	0	2413
8	Unemployment	254	36	290	50	9	59	2052	247	0	2299
9	Professional/Career Problem	372	73	445	69	6	75	1481	388	0	1869
10	Poverty	262	52	314	86	16	102	895	284	0	1179
11	Fall in social reputation	180	75	255	31	4	35	523	321	0	844
12	Impotency/Infertility	34	9	43	9	3	12	162	155	1	318
13	Ideological causes/Hero worshipping	20	4	24	2	3	5	84	39	0	123
14	Physical Abuse (Rape, etc.)	5	6	11	0	2	2	41	71	0	112
15	Other causes@	3052	1060	4112	1247	505	1752	14978	6215	4	21197
16	Causes not known	2335	623	2958	833	242	1075	10569	4451	4	15024
Total		19963	5664	25627	7527	2647	10174	88706	41971	14	130691

Note: 'M' – refers to Male, 'F' – refers to Female, 'Tr' – refers to Transgender and 'T' – Total

'Other Prolonged Illness' includes Diabetes, Headache/Stomach pain, Liver problem, Prolonged illness due to accidental injuries, T.B, Sickness of old age, fever etc.

@ 'Other Causes' include Loneliness in life, Bored from life, Reprimand because of not doing any work, Tension, Depression, Petty reasons (sudden quarrel and scolded by family members), study problems etc.