

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE CASES IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE, FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS, HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that cases of suicides in our country are on the rise; if so, what are the main causes leading to this extreme step and number of these unnatural deaths during the last two years;
- (b) whether Kerala State is at the top in such cases as reported in the Financial Express dated the 17th December, 2002; and
- (c) whether Government have drawn up some plans to educate the youth and create awareness among them against this menace; if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D SWAMI)

(a): As per the information compiled by National Crime Records Bureau, a total of 110587 suicides were reported in the country during the year 1999 which declined to 108593 suicides in the year 2000, thereby registering a decline of 1.8% in the year 2000 over 1999. The suicidal death figures of 1999 and 2000 indicate that family problems have been the prime cause of suicide followed by major/prolonged illness.

(b): Yes, Sir. Kerala occupies the top position among the States.

(c): The Central Government are implementing a number of schemes/programmes to constructively engage the youth in activities which will promote their mental and physical well being.