

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 36
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016

Suicide by sportspersons in hostels of SAI

*36. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM:

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

- (a) how many young sportspersons have committed suicide in the country during the recent past in the hostels of Sports Authority of India (SAI);
- (b) whether Government has taken any action for the negligence of the authorities causing loss to the lives of innocent players; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.36 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016 REGARDING SUICIDE BY SPORTSPERSONS IN HOSTELS OF SAI ASKED BY SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM.

(a) One girl trainee of Sports Authority of India (SAI) Special Area Games Centre at Alleppey committed suicide in May, 2015.

(b) & (c) : No, Sir. The case was investigated by various agencies and as per the magisterial enquiry report, consequences following a conduct by the four Athletes for which they feared that if it was known to the other inmates of the hostel, was the main cause of suicidal attempt. As per the magisterial enquiry, none of the SAI officials was found to be guilty of any act of omission or commission. However, taking note of the situation, a Circular has been issued to all SAI officials to maintain better atmosphere in SAI STC/SAG Centres so that this kind of incident is not repeated in future. The following measures have been taken by SAI:-

- 1) All girls hostel must be full time Lady Warden.
- 2) Security to be hired for SAI Hostels specially Girls Hostels.
- 3) Parent Coach Administrator Meeting (PACM) should be held atleast once in 03 months.
- 4) Empanelling Counseling Psychologist to visit SAI Centres once/twice a month or as may be required for the purpose of group counseling as well as one on one counseling.

Further, an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Ms. Aswani Nachappa, a noted Athlete, was constituted to look into the functioning of SAI STC/SAG Centres and also to suggest remedial measures in this regard.
