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INCREASE IN MURDER AND SUICIDE CASES IN ARMY .

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pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the cases of murder and suicides are increasing in the Army;
- (b) whether any enquiry had been conducted in 2007 in respect of promotion policy, officers' behaviors and lack of facilities; and
- (c) if not, by when the same will be conducted?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) The number of suicide cases in the Army is not significantly higher if compared with the national average and also with the Armies of some other countries. There have also been some incidents of fratricide in the Army. All such incidents of suicide and fratricide are viewed seriously and enquired into. Appropriate remedial measures are also taken.
- (b) No enquiry has been conducted in 2007 in respect of promotion policy, officers' behavior and lack of facilities. However, a study has been carried out by the Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) to identify factors, which lead to these incidents and suggest remedial measures. The study report has been submitted in February 2007. A series of measures have been taken to improve service conditions and to attend to the issue of stress among the service personnel. Improvement in service conditions and amenities for the service personnel is an ongoing process.
- (c) There is no such proposal.