

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 09.08.1995**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**CASES OF SUICIDES IN TIHAR JAIL .**

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SHRI RAJU PARMAR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a number of suicides committed by inmates of Tihar Jail in the capital this year; if so, the details of each case;
- (b) whether these suicides were committed by undertrials who had been hauled up for small offences like thefts and were desperate for the delay in bringing them to trial or were tired of prolonged trial;
- (c) the comparative figures for the last three years; and
- (d) the steps contemplated to obviate the situation?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED):

(a) Yes, Sir. The details of suicides committed by four inmates of Tihar Jail during the year 1995 are given in the enclosed statement.(See below)

(b) While one inmate was a convict undergoing life imprisonment, the remaining three were undertrials who were facing trial for major offences. Two undertrials died within two days of their entry in jail while the third died after 19 months of his entry in jail.

(c) The number of suicides by inmates of Tihar Jail during the last three years is as follows:- 1992-93 1993-94 1994-95

(d) Steps taken to obviate the situation are:-

(i) Ward Panchyats in the Jail prepare a list of critical/depressed or introvert prisoners of their wards.

(ii) Depressed or introvert prisoners are referred to a visiting psychiatrist/doctor and counsellors for counselling to help them to come out of depression.

(iii) Spiritual/self reliance counselling is being given by the jail staff to the depressed prisoners.

(vi) Doctors are present round the clock to provide medical aid to the prisoners.

(v) Round the clock vigilance is maintained by prisoners and jail staff in all wards and lavatories during `unlock` Statement Details of inmates of Tihar Jail who committed suicide during 1995 (upto 31.7.95)

1. Bhagwat, s/o. Sukha Entry in Jail: 29.8.92 Date of suicide :15.3.95 Status: Convict

2. Jasbir Singh, s/o. Dayal Singh, Entry in Jail : 18.5.95 Date of suicide : 20.5.95 Status : `Undertrial

3. Diwan, s/o. Bhagwan Dass, Entry in Jail : 12.11.93 Date of attempted suicide 17.6.95 Status : Undertrial.

4. Surinder, s/o. Chander Bhan, Entry in Jail : 26.7.95 Date of suicide : 27.7.95 Status : Undertrial.