

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 24.02.1999**

**ANSWERED ON**

**SUICIDES ATTRIBUTED TO LOTTERIES .**

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DR. AKHILESH DAS

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS LABOUR COMMERCE FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a number of suicides committed by those ruined by lotteries, in different areas of Madhya Pradesh; towards the end of 1998; and

(a) if so, the number of such cases in different parts of the country during 1998; and

(b) whether, despite entry 40 in the Union List in Seventh schedule of the Constitution no law to prohibit or regulate lotteries floated by Government agencies at the Centre or the states has been brought before Parliament for enactment so far; if so, the main reasons for not bringing forth such an enactment ?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI)

(a) & (b): Information about the suicides committed by persons ruined by lotteries is not maintained by the Central Government.

(c): In order to regulate the lotteries, The Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 has already been enacted .