

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 612  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2017**

**SUICIDES BY YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES**

**612. SHRI RIPUN BORA:**

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to social pressure a number of suicides by the young married couples belonging to different castes are being reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government to prevent suicides of the inter-caste couple; and
- (c) the action proposed by Government to safeguard the inter-caste marriage relationships?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

(a) to (c) The Ministry does not maintain data regarding suicides by couples who belong to different castes. However, the Ministry under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme provides Central assistance to States/Union Territories, inter-alia, to monetarily incentivise such inter-caste marriages where one of the spouses is a member of a Scheduled Caste. As regards safeguarding and protecting inter-caste married persons, since 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule (List-II) to the Constitution of India, the concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations can take appropriate action in the light of extant Constitutional provisions, laws and executive instruments.

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