

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 11.03.2005**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUICIDE IN AIIMS .**

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Smt. Maya Singh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :-

(a) Whether it is a fact that on 5th January, 2005 a patient committed suicide by jumping down in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and a number of such incidents have also taken place previously, which raise question mark on the security arrangements; and

(a) If so, the steps being taken for administrative and security arrangements?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): A patient admitted in C-II ward in AIIMS, suffering from HIV had jumped from the corridor outside the C-II Ward. In the past also, one or two such incidents have occurred. AIIMS Hospital is a multi-storey building with an open verandah extending more than 300 ft. in each wing. All possible measures are taken to prevent such occurrence in the hospital building. Proper safety railings are in position in the open verandah so that patients or visitors do not fall accidentally. The Sister Incharge, in each ward is responsible for supervision of the security and safety of patients in the ward. Adequate nursing staff are in position round the clock for providing necessary nursing care and also keep an eye on the patients in the wards. The hospital as a policy allows attendants for all patients for the safety and support of the sick patients. There are also security guards posted in all the floors on the static points round the clock and mobile squad of security staff are also deployed to prevent such occurrence as also to maintain surveillance.