

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

RAJYA SABHA

QUESTION NO 22.08.2007

ANSWERED ON

SUICIDE AND FRATRICIDE AMONG MEMBERS OF PARA MILITARY FORCES .

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pleased to state :-

- (a) whether incidents of suicide and fratricide in the para-military forces have been increasing;
- (b) year-wise details thereof during the last three years till 31 July, 2007;
- (c) whether their rising mental/physical stress are attributable to their involvement in tackling terrorism and insurgency;
- (d) if so, the steps taken for stress management in the forces;
- (e) the details of Government and Non- Government agencies engaged, infrastructure created/dedicated and parameters adopted to meet the enhanced need of stress management; and
- (f) the procedures followed in identification and selection of Non- Government agencies for stress management?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1124 FOR 22.8.2007 REGARDING SUICIDE AND FRATRICIDE AMONG MEMBERS OF PARA-MILITARY FORCES.

(a) There is no definite trend of increase in cases of suicides and fratricide in the Central Police Forces.

(b) Year-wise details of incidents of suicide and fratricide in Central Police Forces during the last three years till 31st July, 2007 are as under:

Year of incident	Incidents of killing/fratricide	Incidents of suicide	Total
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2004	26	79	105
2005	14	85	99
2006	29	101	130
2007 upto 31.7.07	-	67	67

(c) Prolonged deployment in insurgency or militancy affected areas is one of the factors responsible for mental and physical stress.

(d) The Government has enhanced the entitlement of family accommodation from 14% to 25% with enhanced allocations for construction of houses. Other measures such as, counseling, granting leave frequently, classes of yoga and meditation have also been taken to reduced stress amongst CPF personnel.

(e) & (f) Well known organizations in the field of yoga and meditation and other stress relieving techniques, like Patanjali Yog Peeth, Mata Almratanandamayi Math, Vyakti Vikas Kendra, etc. have been engaged to organize stress relieving courses amongst the Force personnel.