

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA**

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**ANSWERED ON**

**SUICIDES BY SOLDIERS OF SECURITY FORCES .**

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SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of committing suicides by soldiers of security forces are rapidly increasing in the wake of not sanctioning their leave etc. by their senior officials;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases which have taken place during the last year;
- (c) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to prevent such incidents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a):No, Sir.

(b):81 cases of suicides in Central Police Forces and 133 suicide cases in Armed forces have been reported during the year 2004.

(c) & (d):To address the common causes of suicides-duty related stress, mental depression, domestic problems, marital discord and chronic illness, as determined through various studies in the security forces-the following steps are taken:-

i) Regulate duty hours and periodically rotate personnel from hard areas to soft areas within the constraints of operational requirements.

ii) Regular participation of personnel in sports competitions and recreational activities.

iii) Communication facilities for personnel in the remote areas to keep in touch with their families.

iv) Regular interaction by officers with personnel through Sammelans, visit to forward areas etc.

v) Introduction of stress removal techniques like Yoga and Vipasana.

vi) Introduction of welfare measures such as canteen facilities, loan from welfare funds etc.