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SUICIDE CASES IN THE ARMED FORCES .

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT LAW & JUSTICE DEFENCE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the latest figures, almost 100 suicide cases are reported every year in the armed forces of our country
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the suicide cases are more frequent in strife torn Jammu-Kashmir and the North-East region; and
- (c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to lessen the stress syndrome among soldiers and reduce the number of suicide cases in armed forces?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir. The figures for the last three years are given below:-

2003	2004	2005	
Navy	0	03	04
Army	96	100	92
Air Force	24	13	23
120	116	119	

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Proactive approach through better man management techniques is being adopted at different levels. Measures such as identification of high risk category, increased inter personnel relationship and communication between Officers and Jawans, stress management, counselling by professionals, establishment of helpline and increased focus on welfare activities are taken to prevent such incidents.