GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2457

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE AUGUST 8TH, 2018/SHRAVANA 17, 1940 (SAKA) SUICIDES IN THE COUNTRY

2457. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of suicides committed in the country in the last three years;
- (b) the State-wise and demographic distribution of suicides in the same period, including the number of farmers suicides; and
- (c) the methodology used by Government to record the number of suicides in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): The latest published data with National Crime Records Bureau in this regard pertains to 2015. A total of 1,34,799, 1,31,666 and 1,33,623 suicides were committed in the country during 2013, 2014 and 2015. The State wise details of total suicides reported and suicides by persons engaged in Farming Sector/Agriculture are given in Annexure. The data on suicides is collected annually by National Crime Records Bureau through Police Stations/ State Crime Records Bureaus in the prescribed proformae.

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Annexure

State/UT-wise total suicides reported during 2013-2015

		Total suicides reported			Suicides by persons engaged in farming/agriculture		
SI.	States/UTs	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	14607	6101	6226	2014	632	916
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	229	156	135	37	3	10
3	ASSAM	3553	3546	3231	305	59	138
4	BIHAR	1057	719	516	127	10	7
5	CHHATTISGARH	5436	5683	7118	0	755	954
6	GOA	328	291	302	1	0	0
7	GUJARAT	7166	7225	7246	582	600	301
8	HARYANA	3316	3203	3545	374	119	162
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	554	644	543	33	63	46
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	302	258	372	18	37	21
11	JHARKHAND	1460	1300	835	142	4	21
12	KARNATAKA	11266	10945	10786	1403	768	1569
13	KERALA	8646	8446	7692	972	807	210
14	MADHYA PRADESH	9446	9039	10293	1090	1198	1290
15	MAHARASHTRA	16622	16307	16970	3146	4004	4291
16	MANIPUR	37	50	37	1	0	1
17	MEGHALAYA	137	99	172	5	2	3
18	MIZORAM	95	116	123	6	5	1
19	NAGALAND	37	13	21	2	0	0
20	ODISHA	5252	4160	4087	150	102	50
21	PUNJAB	972	943	1049	83	64	124
22	RAJASTHAN	4860	4459	3457	292	373	76
23	SIKKIM	184	244	241	35	35	18
24	TAMIL NADU	16601	16122	15777	105	895	606
25	TELANGANA	-	9623	10140	-	1347	1400
26	TRIPURA	961	762	746	56	32	49
27	UTTAR PRADESH	5286	3590	3902	750	192	324
28	UTTARAKHAND	365	207	475	15	0	2
29	WEST BENGAL	13055	14310	14602	0	230	0
	Total (States)	131830	128561	130639	11744	12336	12590
30	A & N ISLANDS	151	155	158	5	8	0
31	CHANDIGARH	97	105	121	0	0	0
32	D & N HAVELI	84	76	106	15	0	0
33	DAMAN & DIU	29	27	38	0	0	0
34	DELHI (UT)	2059	2095	1845	8	0	0
35	LAKSHADWEEP	3	3	5	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	546	644	711	0	16	12
	Total (UTs)	2969	3105	2984	28	24	12
	Total (India)	134799	131666	133623	11772	12360	12602

Source: 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India'

Note: '-' Newly carved States in 2014