

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 08.12.2004
ANSWERED ON
CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO SUICIDE BY SHOBHINI RAJAN .

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SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI

Will the Minister of COAL YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Shobhini Rajan was the national rowing champion since 1997;
- (b) under what circumstances she recently committed suicide;
- (c) whether she was offered a job which was not given and the award of Rs. 1,00,000/- which was announced in 2002 was also not given; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that due to being neck-deep in debt and being injured, she knocked almost all doors for financial help which was not given forcing her to commit suicide?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

- (a) Late Ms. Shobhini Rajan has been a National champion in rowing since 1998.
- (b) As the matter relates to suicide, outcome of the investigation may indicate the circumstances.
- (c) The Government of India neither offered her a job nor announced a cash ward.
- (d) Government of India did not receive any request from her for financial assistance.