

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
DECRIMINALIZING ATTEMPTED SUICIDE .

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

- (a) the State-wise total number of suicides committed in the last three years;
- (b) whether there is any indication that the number of suicide attempts has increased over the past few years and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any support or counseling is provided by the authorities handling cases of attempted suicides;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to de-criminalize `attempted suicides`, currently an offence punishable under Section 309; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): According to National Crimes Records Bureau (NCRB) the State/UT -wise details of number of suicides during 2006-2008 are available in Table 2.2 of their annual publication `Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India` of each year. All the three editions of the report are available under `Publications` link on NCRB's website (<http://ncrb.gov.in>). The latest publication pertains to the year 2008.

(b): NCRB does information on suicides.

(c): The National Mental Health Programme of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the 11th Five Year Plan period includes suicide prevention services, work place stress management, counselling services for schools and colleges in the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) in addition to the current activities of early detection and treatment of mental disorders, training of general health staff of districts in mental health and IEC activities. These activities will be organized under the umbrella of DMHP with district counselling center and suicide prevention helplines and active participation of community based organizations. DMHP is currently under implementation in 123 districts in the country.

(d) & (e): There is no such proposal at present.