

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Issue regarding increasing suicide rates in India.

**SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL (MIRZAPUR):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to draw the attention of the House towards the mental health pandemic which is headed our way in this COVID-19 times. The fury of Coronavirus lockdown, economic slowdown and the loss of jobs have left people anxisous, fearful, restless, isolated, and depressed. Both young and old are hit alike and age is no bar.

A significant increase in the web search for the word 'suicide' in the past few months is like an emergency alarm. The WHO says that India has the highest suicide rates in the South-East Asia region. ...(*Interruptions*)

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