

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the suicide incidents have enormously increased during the recent years as reported in The Hindu dated June8, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to reformulate the National Mental Health Programme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to involve Public Private Partnership to promote community based care of mentally disturbed/ challenged patients?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) As per the records of National Crime Records Bureau, the number of suicides reported in the country during the period 2003-2005 is as under:-

Year	Total No.of suicides
2003	1,10,851
2004	1,13,697
2005	1,13,914

(c)&(d): District Mental Health Programme is being re-strategised during the 11th Plan period so as to include amongst other suicide prevention services in the Programme. The Central Government is also planning to involve voluntary organizations & NGO's in activities of District Mental Health Programme.