

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SUICIDE AND FRATRICIDE CASES IN ARMED FORCES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of suicide and fratricide cases in the armed forces during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken concrete steps to check the rise of such cases;
- (c) if so,the details thereof; and
- (d) if not,the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2334 FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2008.

The figures of suicide and fratricide cases in the armed forces during the last three years are given below:

2005 2006 2007

Suicide Fratricide Suicide Fratricide Suicide Fratricide

Army 92 16 129 13 117 07

Air 23 01 24 00 21 00
Force

Navy 05 00 01 00 02 00

Total 120 17 154 13 140 07

Proactive approach through better man management techniques is being adopted at different levels. Measures such as identification of high risk category,increased inter personnel relationship and communication between Officers and Jawans, stress management,counselling by professionals, establishment of helpline and increased focus on welfare activities are taken to prevent such incidents.