

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SUICIDE CASES

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

- (a) whether suicide cases are on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases registered during each of the last three years, State-wise and gender-wise;
- (c) the age group recording the highest rate of suicides;
- (d) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for the same;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken to address the problem?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) As per information compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total number of 118112, 122637 and 125017 suicides were reported in the country during 2006 to 2008 respectively, thereby showing and increasing trend.

(b) The State/UT-wise and gender-wise number of cases of suicides reported in the country during 2006, 2007 and 2008, as reported to NCRB by the States/UTs, are available in Table in Table 2.5 of the annual publication of NCRB, titled 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' under the link 'Publications' on the NCRB's website <http://ncrb.nic.in>.

(c) As per information compiled by NCRB, the highest number of suicide victims during the year 2008 belonged to the age-group 15-29 years. Information on suicide rate of different age-groups is not available with NCRB.

(d) & (e) : The causes of suicide have their origin in the social, economic, cultural, psychological and health status of and individual. Suicide is multi-factorial, cumulative and progressive in nature. Major mental health problems, depression, schizophrenia, addiction to alcohol affective disorders, drug dependence, adjustment disorders, mood and personality problems have been identified among those with completed and attempted suicides. The details of number of suicides categorized according to causes during 2006 to 2008, is given in the Table 2.10 of the above mentioned publication in the NCRB's website <http://ncrb.nic.in>.

(f) During the 11th Five year plan period, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, proposes to re-strategize its National Mental Health Programme to extend District Mental Health Programme to more districts in the country with added components of suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counseling in schools and colleges.