GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4008 ANSWERED ON:20.04.2010 SUICIDE BY CPF PERSONNEL Joshi Shri Mahesh;Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been several cases of committing of suicides and firing on colleagues in various Central Para Military Forces (CPF) including Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and Border Security Force (BSF);

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, year and force-wise;

(c) whether any investigation was conducted to find out the causes/ circumstances for such incidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government including easing of job related stress and improving the working conditions and mental health of the jawans of CPF?

Answer

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

(a): Yes Madam, there have been some cases of suicides and firing on colleagues in various Central Para Military Forces including Sashastra Seema Bal and Border Security Force.

(b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam, a Court of Inquiry is conducted into every such incident to ascertain its causes and circumstances. The causative factors in most of the cases were found to be generally personal and domestic problems and were not related with the Forces.

(e): The corrective steps taken by the Government are such as regulating duty hours to ensure adequate rest and relief, grant of entitled leave to the needy personnel, provision of recreational facilities, team sports and games, training in Yoga and meditation, organizing talks by Doctors and other Specialists, regular interaction with personnel by senior officers, etc.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4008 FOR 20-04-2010

List of suicide and Fratricide cases in Central Paramilitary Forces during the last three years including the current year, year and Force-wise:

Year/Name Number of suicide/ 2007 2008 2009 2010 Total
of CPF Fratricide
BSF Suicide 35 29 26 6 96
Fratricide 1 4 1 - 6
CRPF Suicide 46 46 28 3 123
Fratricide 4 4 5 - 13
SSB Suicide 3 5 11 - 19
Fratricide - 3 1 - 4

CISF Suicide 11 12 16 6 45 Fratricide - - 2 - 2 ITBP Suicide 4 4 6 1 15 Fratricide - - 1 - 1 NSG Suicide - - - - -Fratricide - - - - -Assam Rifles Suicide 13 11 9 1 34 Fratricide - 1 6 - 7 Total Suicide 112 107 96 17 332 Fratricide 5 12 16 0 33

Court of Inquiry conducted into every such incident revealed that the causative factors in most of the cases are generally personal/domestic problems like unsuccessful love affairs, marriage, etc., marital discord, personal enmity, mental illness, depression, etc.