

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

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SUICIDE AMONG SCIENTISTS

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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the cases of suicide by the scientists and employees of the various atomic research centres of Department of Atomic Energy during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and centrewise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry/registered cases in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take necessary preventive measures to protect the lives of scientists posted at sensitive places; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), PMO, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) The details are furnished in the attached Annexure.

(b) & (c) All the cases have been reported to the nearest police station and the Police are conducting investigations.

(d) & (e) The Scientists & Employees of the Department are provided with excellent living conditions and career opportunities. The Scientific and Technical promotions in the Department are governed by the Merit Promotion Scheme and are not vacancy based. Compulsory health care facilities are provided covering all disciplines including mental help, social welfare services counseling and psychiatry.

This covers both employees and their families. Cultural and recreational activities are also conducted regularly. Adequate physical protection measures are provided both at the residential complex & at work sites.