

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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DEATH OF SCIENTISTS

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of scientist/employees of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai have committed suicide and also died due to cancer;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidences for the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has analysed the reasons for high incidences of cancer and suicides among scientists/employees;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The number of scientists/employees of BARC who have committed suicide and also died due to cancer is given below:

YEAR	2007	2008	2009	2010	TOTAL
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DEATHS DUE TO CANCER	2	2	2	2	8
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SUICIDES	NIL	NIL	1	4	5
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(c), (d) & (e) The incidence of deaths on account of suicide/cancer cannot be said to be high among the BARC employees, as may be seen from the information given above. The reasons for suicide are general and not specifically attributable to official work. However, necessary facilities to provide medical, psychiatric and social assistance is being provided to them.