

**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 and the current year, 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 THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): As per the information compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau(NCRB), a total number of 122637, 125017 and 127151 persons committed suicide in the country during the years 2007 to 2009 respectively.

The State/UT-wise and gender-wise number of suicides (suicidal deaths) reported in the country during 2007 and 2008 have been published and are readily accessible on the NCRB's website (<http://ncrb.nic.in>) at Table 2.5 of NCRB's annual publication titled 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' under the Link 'Publications'. These details for the year 2009 are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c): The specific information on suicide rate of different age groups is not available with NCRB. However, as per the data compiled by NCRB, the highest number of suicide victims belonged to the age-group of 15-29 years during each of the years 2007 to 2009.

(d) & (e): The causes of suicide have their origin in the social, economic, cultural, psychological and health status of an individual. Suicide is multi-factorial, cumulative and progressive in nature. Major mental health problems like depression, schizophrenia, addiction to alcohol, affective disorders, drug dependence, adjustment disorders, mood and personality problems have been identified among those committing or attempting suicides.

(f): The Government has approved implementation of the District Mental Health Programme in 123 districts of the country with added components of suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counselling in schools and colleges.