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SUICIDES ON METRO TRACKS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of cases of suicides including employees of Metro rail have been reported recently;
(b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year and the current year; and
(c) the steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (DMRC) and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) have informed that no employee of their Metro has committed suicide on metro tracks. However, few cases of suicide on metro tracks have been reported during the last one year, the details of which are given below:-

Name of the Corporation: DMRC Year: 2011-12

S.No	Line Station	Date & Time	Incident brief Remarks						
1	Blue Shikah Nagar	14.12.2011 08:47 hrs.	Lady passenger jumped in front of approaching train at Down platform.	The train was stopped by applying Emergency Brakes by the Train Operator, but the train ran over her. She was declared dead by the ambulance staff. Passenger died.					
2	Yellow Sulajpur	19.02.2012 16:43 hrs	Male passenger jumped in front of approaching train at Up platform.	The train was stopped by applying Emergency Brakes by the Train Operator and was saved. He suffered head injury and was sent to Fortis hospital. Passenger succumbed to injury later. Passenger died.					
3	Yellow Chandni Chowk	02.03.2012 04:59 hrs	Male passenger jumped in front of approaching train at Up platform.	The train was stopped by applying Emergency Brakes by the Train Operator and was saved. He suffered chest injury and was sent to LMP hospital. Passenger succumbed to injury later. Passenger died.					
4	Blue Uttar NageraEna	03.03.2012 07:10 hrs	Male passenger jumped in front of approaching train at Down platform.	The train was stopped by applying Emergency Brakes by the Train Operator, but the train ran over him He was declared dead by the ambulance staff. Passenger died.					
5	Blue Mayap Vihar	06.03.2012 11:45 hrs	Male passenger jumped in front of approaching train at Up platform.	Phase Extension The train was stopped by applying Emergency Brakes by the Train Operator and was saved. He suffered head injury and was sent to IBS hospital. Passenger succumbed to injury later. Passenger died.					
6	Yellow Mahiyva Nagar	25.03.2012 11:27 hrs	Lady passenger jumped in front of approaching train at Up platform.	The train was stopped by applying Emergency Brakes by the Train Operator, but the train ran over her. She was declared dead by the ambulance staff. Passenger died.					

Name of the Corporation: BMRCL Year: 2011-12

S.No	Station	Date & Time	Incident brief Remarks						
1	MG Road	31.12.2012 20:38 hrs.	Male passenger jumped in front of approaching train at Up platform.	The train was stopped by applying Emergency Brakes by the Train Operator. Since the person jumped very close to the train, he was trapped between the rail track and the front portion of the train before the first wheel. Passenger died.					

During the current year, no case of suicide on metro tracks has been reported by DMRC and BMRCL.

- (c): Psychological factors are apparently causing suicides and only limited efforts can be made to deter a person who decides to commit suicide. However, DMRC has taken following steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future:- Steps taken by DMRC
(i) The Security Controller / Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and Station Controllers of each station have been asked to keep more vigil on CCTV to identify restless or gloomy persons who may commit suicide.
(ii) Q managers have been placed in unused area of platform.
(iii) Passengers are advised to keep away from yellow line on platform through regular announcements and random checks by staff.
(iv) Train operators have been asked to be extra vigilant, while approaching platform, and apply Emergency brakes to stop the train whenever suicide attempt is noticed.