

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:52
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SUICIDE CASES IN ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been rise in suicide cases in the Army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons for such suicides;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 52 FOR ANSWER ON 13.8.2012

There is no increasing trend in suicide cases in the Army. The details of suicide cases during the last three years and the current year are as under:-

| Year | Total |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 2009 | 96 |
| 2010 | 115 |
| 2011 | 102 |
| 2012 (upto 31st July) | 62 |

2. Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) has conducted a number of studies to find out the reason for suicides in the Army. As per the study report, the major causes of suicides in army are domestic problems, marital discord, stress and financial problems. In order to reduce such cases, the Government has taken a number of measures, viz., deployment of psychological counsellors, improvement in quality of food and clothing, liberalised leave policy and establishing a grievance redressal mechanism for defence personnel in the States etc.