

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:957  
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2013  
SUICIDE BY DEFENCE PERSONNEL  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of defence personnel who have committed suicide while performing their duties during each of the last three years, service-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the number of army officers who have approached Government for early retirement during the said period;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to create appropriate environment for defence personnel so that they can perform their duty without any mental stress;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to conduct any motivation or stress management programme for defence personnel; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e):A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 957 FOR ANSWER ON 4.3.2013

(a) Details of defence personnel who have committed suicide during last three years are as under:

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force
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2010	115	1	14
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2011	102	4	23
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2012	93	1	15
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(b) Number of army officers who have taken premature retirement during the last three years are as under:

Year	Number
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2010	265
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2011	288
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(c) to (e): Armed Forces traditionally have an excellent inbuilt system to handle the stress as the new recruits and cadets are groomed well by their peers and superiors to adopt the ethos and regimentation that help them in overcoming the initial stressors. The major steps taken for stress amelioration include conduct of Yoga and meditation as part of unit routine, Psychological counselling by psychological counsellors, liberalized leave policy, improvement in living and working conditions through provision of better infrastructure and facilities, establishing a grievance redressal mechanism.