

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1103  
ANSWERED ON:13.07.2009  
SUICIDE AND FRATRICIDE CASES IN ARMED FORCES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of suicide and fratricide cases in the armed forces during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has taken concrete steps to check the rise of such cases; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1103 FOR ANSWER ON 13-7-2009

The figures of suicide and fratricide cases in the armed forces during the last three years and the latest available in current year are given below:-

2006   2007   2008   2009

	Suicide	Fratr-	Suicide	Fratr-	Suicide	Fratr-	Suicide
	icide	icide	icide	icide	icide	icide	icide

Army	129	13	118	07	124	03	41	01
Air Force	24	00	21	00	25	01	06	00
Navy	01	00	03	00	02	00	01	00

Total:   154        13   142   07        151   04        48        01

Proactive approach through better man management techniques is being adopted at different levels. Measures such as identification of high risk category, increased inter personnel relationship and communication between Officers and Jawans, lectures/workshops on stress management, counselling by professionals, establishment of helpline, redressal of grievances and increased focus on welfare activities are taken to prevent such incidents.