

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:521  
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SUICIDE CASES IN ARMED FORCES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been rise in suicide cases in the armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the each of the last three years and the current year, Service-wise;
- (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 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. 521 FOR ANSWER ON 9.12.2013

(a) & (b): Details of suicide cases in the Armed Forces during the last three years and the current year, Service wise are as under:

Year  
Army  
Navy  
Air Force

2010	116
1	14
2011	105
4	23
2012	95
1	15
2013	74
3	14
(as on date)	

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Studies have been conducted by Services and by Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) and College of Defence Management from time to time. Besides, Board of Inquiry is conducted in cases of suicides to establish reasons.

(e) Government has taken a number of measures for prevention of suicide cases which include provision of Psychological counselling

by psychological counsellors, conduct of Yoga and meditation as part of unit routine, establishing a grievance redressal mechanism, liberalized leave policy and improvement in living and working conditions through provision of better infrastructure and facilities.