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Title: Regarding alarming rate of suicide in the country.

SHRI C. RAJENDRAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to raise a matter concerning all the Indians about the alarming rise in the rate of suicides that are taking place in the country in recent times.

In the year 2011 alone, the National Crimes Record Bureau puts the total number of suicides in India at a staggering 1.35 lakhs. That means that in India, at least 16 people commit suicide every hour.

While the social and economic causes lead most men to commit suicide, the report says that the emotional and personal reasons including divorce were the causes for women to take this extreme step.

The NCRB report further suggests that family problems accounted for almost one-fourth of the suicides and that 70 per cent of the victims were married. All of us concede that it is a very serious problem. Apart from taking efforts to improve the socio-economic conditions of the people, the Government must also do all that it could so that awareness is created in the society and that people do not take to this extreme step. The Government must give wide publicity through electronic and print media, and make the people realize that killing oneself is not the way to get love and attention from others.

There is a need to inculcate Indian values, ethos and culture in our people so that they do not think that suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.