GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3596

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02ND APRIL, 2025/ CHAITRA 12, 1947 (SAKA)

INCREASING SUICIDES IN METROPOLITAN AREAS

3596 # SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incidents of suicide during the last three years, Statewise;

(b) the number of suicide cases related to financial crisis; and

(c) whether Government would consider developing a mechanism after studying data on suicides which could help in the mitigation of suicides ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) & (b): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles and publishes information on deaths due to suicides in its publication "Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India". Published reports are available till the year 2022. As per the information published by NCRB, the State/UT-wise details of suicides and suicides due to bankruptcy or indebtedness in the country during the year 2022 are given at Annexure. (c): To address the burden of mental disorders, Central Government is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in the country. The District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) component of the NMHP has been sanctioned for implementation in 767 districts for which support is provided to States/UTs through the National Health Mission. The programme aims to provide suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counselling in schools and colleges; mental health services including prevention, promotion and long-term continuing care at different levels of district healthcare delivery system and community awareness and participation in the delivery of mental healthcare services. Facilities made available under DMHP at the Community Health Centre and Primary Health Centre levels, inter alia, include outpatient services, assessment, counselling/ psycho-social interventions, continuing care and support to persons with severe mental disorders, drugs, outreach services, ambulance services etc. In addition, there is a provision of 10 bedded in-patient facility at the District level.

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The Government is also taking steps to strengthen mental healthcare services at primary healthcare level and has upgraded more than 1.73 lakh Sub Health Centres and Primary Health Centres to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. Mental health services have been added in the package of services under Comprehensive Primary Health Care provided at these Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. Operational guidelines on Mental, Neurological and Substance Use Disorders at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been released under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat.

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The Government has also released the National Suicide Prevention Strategy in November, 2022 which is available on the website of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The Government has launched a "National Tele Mental Health Programme" on 10th October, 2022 to further improve access to quality mental health counselling and care services in the country. As on 19.03.2025, 36 States/UTs have set up 53 Tele MANAS Cells and have started tele mental health services. More than 19,67,000 calls have been handled on the helpline number. The Government has also launched Tele MANAS Mobile Application on the occasion of World Mental Health Day (October 10, 2024). Tele-MANAS Mobile Application is a comprehensive mobile platform that has been developed to provide support for mental health issues ranging from well-being to mental disorders.

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State/UT-wise total number of suicides and suicides committed due to bankruptcy or indebtedness in the country during the year 2022

SL	State/UT	Total number of suicides	Number of suicides committed due to bankruptcy or indebtedness
1	Andhra Pradesh	8908	912
2	Arunachal Pradesh	149	0
3	Assam	3320	52
4	Bihar	702	0
5	Chhattisgarh	8446	24
6	Goa	302	10
7	Gujarat	9002	152
8	Haryana	3783	3
9	Himachal Pradesh	644	1
10	Jharkhand	2181	14
11	Karnataka	13606	1401
12	Kerala	10162	242
13	Madhya Pradesh	15386	36
14	Maharashtra	22746	1941
15	Manipur	26	0
16	Meghalaya	213	0
17	Mizoram	153	3
18	Nagaland	49	4
19	Odisha	6140	28
20	Punjab	2441	109
21	Rajasthan	5343	13
22	Sikkim	293	1
23	Tamil Nadu	19834	844
24	Telangana	9980	1163
25	Tripura	713	1
26	Uttar Pradesh	8176	42
27	Uttarakhand	814	0
28	West Bengal	12669	0
	TOTAL STATE(S)	166181	6996
29	A & N Islands	171	2
30	Chandigarh	131	0
31	D&N Haveli and Daman&Diu	205	5
32	Delhi UT	3417	28
33	Jammu & Kashmir	323	3
34	Ladakh	13	0
35	Lakshadweep	2	0
36	Puducherry	481	0
	TOTAL UT(S)	4743	38
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	170924	7034

As per data provided by States/UTs Source: Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India