

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.91
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2017

UNNATURAL DEATH OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

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SHRI NANA PATOLE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of a number of alleged unnatural deaths of scientists and engineers reported in the atomic power stations and other research centers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the reasons attributed for the same;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted investigations into such incidents;
- (d) if so, the details along with the findings thereof; and
- (e) the details of steps taken to prevent such incidents in future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) to (e) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.91 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08.02.2017 BY SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA AND SHRI NANA PATOLE REGARDING UNNATURAL DEATH OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS.

- (a)&(b) There are no cases of alleged unnatural deaths of scientists and engineers attributable to radiation in the atomic power stations and other research centers in the country. Two scientists were killed in road accidents in 2014 and one scientist committed suicide in 2015. The details are furnished in the attached Annexure.
- (c)&(d) All cases were taken up by local police for investigation.
- (e) Safety measures to prevent road accidents are in place and the same are being reviewed periodically. The road safety instructions issued by various agencies are strictly implemented in DAE installations and residential townships. Awareness programmes regarding road safety are being conducted. In addition, personal motivation to employees at all levels to ease out the workplace stress, if any, is done. Profession resentment is addressed through grievance redressal mechanism and personal counseling.

Annexure to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.91 due for answer on 8.2.2017
by Shri Dushyant Chautala and Shri Nana Patole regarding "Unnatural Deaths of
Scientists and Engineers"

**DETAILS OF UNNATURAL DEATHS OF THE SCIENTISTS/ENGINEERS OF THE
DEPARTMENT BETWEEN 01.01.2014 TO 31.12.2016.**

Sl No	Date	Designation	Type of unnatural death	Name of investigating agency	Causes of unnatural death
1	24.07.2014	Scientific Officer/G	Road accident at Anushaktinagar	Trombay Police Station, Mumbai.	Death due to road accident.
2	26.10.2014	Scientific Officer/E	Road accident at Indore.	Rajendra Nagar Police Station, Indore	Death due to road accident.
3.	24.07.2015	Scientific Officer/C	Committed suicide at residence.	Rawatbhata Police Station, Rajasthan	Death due to suicide
