GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2451

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02ND JANUARY, 2018/ PAUSHA 12, 1939 (SAKA) SUICIDES BY STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether suicide by students of medical institutes are on the rise in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of suicide cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, medical institution and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the causes/circumstances for such incidents, if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken to prevent cases of suicide by students in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

- (a) to (b): The specific information regarding details of suicide by students of medical institutes is not maintained centrally. However, the details of State/UT-wise number of suicides by students during 2014-2016 are given in Annexure.
- (c) to (d): The information on causes of suicides by medical students is not maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau. However, a total of

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2403, 2646 and 2413 suicides were committed due to failure in examination in the country during 2014-2016. Further, Health being a State subject under List - II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, States are empowered to implement their own programmes. However, the Government of India attaches highest importance in the matter and has approved implementation of the District Mental Health Programme in some of the districts of the country with added components of suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counseling in schools and colleges.

State/UT wise number of Suicides by Students during 2014-2016

SI. No.	State / UT	2014	2015	2016
	STATES			
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	333	360	295
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	25	33	29
3	ASSAM	397	564	353
4	BIHAR	79	62	171
5	CHHATTISGARH	416	730	633
6	GOA	15	25	29
7	GUJARAT	367	469	556
8	HARYANA	163	177	155
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	46	43	54
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	20	64	18
11	JHARKHAND	142	138	233
12	KARNATAKA	570	597	540
13	KERALA	418	374	340
14	MADHYA PRADESH	645	625	838
15	MAHARASHTRA	1191	1230	1350
16	MANIPUR	13	6	6
17	MEGHALAYA	22	20	28
18	MIZORAM	15	18	7
19	NAGALAND	2	2	8
20	ODISHA	325	330	390
21	PUNJAB	52	65	81
22	RAJASTHAN	200	197	221
23	SIKKIM	24	41	37
24	TAMIL NADU	853	955	981
25	TELANGANA#	353	491	349
26	TRIPURA	73	74	68
27	UTTAR PRADESH	252	229	263
28	UTTARAKHAND	33	53	20
29	WEST BENGAL	709	676	1147
	Total (STATES)	7753	8648	9200
	UNION TERRITORIES			
30	A & N ISLANDS	17	14	9
31	CHANDIGARH	27	26	15
32	D & N HAVELI	6	10	4
33	DAMAN & DIU	1	4	11
34	DELHI (UT)	241	214	211
35	LAKSHADWEEP	1	1	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	22	17	24
	Total (UTs)	315	286	274
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	8068	8934	9474

Source: 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' # Newly carved State from Andhra Pradesh
