

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1727  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 6, 2018

SUICIDES ON METRO LINES

No. 1727 SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of suicides on the metro lines are increasing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any concrete steps to check the said incidents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY  
OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a & b): The cases of death due to persons falling on metro tracks have been reported only in metro rail networks of Delhi. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) has informed that 15, 10, 19 and 02 deaths have been reported due to persons falling on metro tracks during the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (upto 20.02.2018) respectively.

(c) & (d): The steps taken by metro rail administrations to prevent such incidents are listed below:

- I. Train operators have been asked to be extra vigilant while approaching platform and apply emergency brakes to stop the train whenever suicide attempt is noticed.
- II. The Security Controller/CISF and Station Controllers have been asked to keep extra vigil on CCTV to identify restless or persons displaying any indication suggesting they may commit suicide.
- III. Height of railings at platforms of elevated stations has been increased.
- IV. Platform Screen Doors have been installed in some of the metro stations.
- V. Security personnel have been deployed at platforms to prevent such incidents.
- VI. Passengers are advised to keep away from yellow line on platform through regular announcements and random checks by staff.
- VII. Signages have been placed at the metro stations advising the passengers to keep off the track intimating them that the event may cause life changing injury.

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