

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4631**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2018

**SUICIDES BY WOMEN**

4631. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of suicides by the women in the country is the highest in the world and the numbers are increasing year after year, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has established crisis redressal centres especially for providing counseling to depressed women and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the further steps taken by the Government to address such problems, mainly depression, anxiety, gender discrimination and domestic violence?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (c) : As per the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data which is available upto 2015, a total number of 44256, 42521 and 42088 women committed suicide during 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively, which shows a declining trend. The main reasons behind the committing suicide by the women are family problems, illness, marriage related issues such as Cancellation/Non-settlement of marriage, Dowry disputes, Extra-marital affairs, love affairs, etc.

Health being the 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 is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) and District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) in some districts of the country with added components of suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counselling in schools and colleges.

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