

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2654**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

**SUICIDE/KILLING IN ARMY**

2654. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of incidents of suicides and killing of colleagues in the Armed Forces from 2010 to 2019;
- (b) whether the Government has been able to assess the reasons for such incidents;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has a mental health policy for armed personnel to prevent such incidents; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the support given to families of armed personnel who are victims of such incidents?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTs (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2654 FOR ANSWER ON 04.12.2019 REGARDING 'SUICIDE/KILLING IN ARMY'.**

(a): The details of number of incidents of suicides and killing of colleagues in the armed forces from 2010 to 2019 are as under:

Year	Army		Navy		Air Force	
	No. of Suspected Suicide Cases	No. of killing of colleagues	No. of Suspected Suicide Cases	No. of killing of colleagues	No. of Suspected Suicide Cases	No. of killing of colleagues
2010	116	05	01	Nil	14	Nil
2011	105	04	04	Nil	23	Nil
2012	95	01	01	Nil	15	Nil
2013	86	03	06	Nil	15	Nil
2014	84	09	04	Nil	24	01
2015	78	01	03	Nil	15	Nil
2016	104	02	06	Nil	19	01
2017	77	01	05	Nil	21	Nil
2018	83	01	08	Nil	16	Nil
2019	63	01	02	Nil	20	Nil

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) has conducted a number of studies since 2006 to establish cause of suicide in the Armed Forces. Domestic & personal problems, marital discord, stress, health issues, financial problems are identified as major causes of such incidents.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Mental Health Programme for the Armed Forces has been prepared in September, 2008 by Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS).

Training is imparted for service personnel on Mental Health and psychological counselling. Further, various workshops and lectures on these issues are conducted regularly.

Counselling for families of victims of air warriors is organized by psychological counsellors at all stations of Indian Air Force. Again, widows of Naval Personnel who die in harness are given age relaxation up to 35 years and such candidates who have children are permitted to apply for Short Service Commission (SSC) officer entries without any relaxation in educational and medical standards.

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