GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3644

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2019/ AGRAHAYANA 19, 1941 (SAKA)
SUICIDE CASES

3644. SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of suicides reported during the last three years and the current year in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out the causes of suicides;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether corrective measures have been taken to prevent suicides; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) to (e): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles and publishes information on suicides in its publication 'Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India'. As per the data published by the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB), a total of 1,31,666, 1,33,623 and 1,31,008 persons have committed suicides in the country during 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively. As per the reports available, family problems, illness, marriage related issues, love affairs and bankruptcy or indebtedness are the main reasons for suicides.

To address the issue, the Government of India is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) and supporting implementation of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) under NMHP in various districts of the country with the objectives to:

- (i) Provide mental health services including prevention, promotion and longterm continuing care at different levels of district healthcare delivery system.
- (ii) Augment institutional capacity in terms of infrastructure, equipment and human resource for mental healthcare.
- (iii) Promote community awareness and participation in the delivery of mental healthcare services.
- (iv) Provide suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counselling in schools and colleges.

Further, Government have funded establishment of 25 Centres of Excellence in Mental Health and strengthening/ establishment of 47 Post Graduate training departments in mental health specialties.
