

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2200**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**SUICIDE CASES IN DEFENCE FORCES**

2200. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:  
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of suicide in the defence forces are on the rise year after year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether a report by Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) has pointed out perceived harassment and humiliation, occupational and familial causes as the main reasons for suicide and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for suicide in armed forces; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the steps taken or being taken by Government to make the working conditions for armed forces work friendly as well as better working condition with social intactness?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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(a) & (b): The number of suicide cases in Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and Indian Army during the last three years are as follows:

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Year	Number of suicide cases		
	Air Force	Navy	Army
2017	21	05	77
2018	16	08	83
2019	20	02	73

(c) to (e): DIPR after conducting a number of studies since 2006, has, inter-alia, listed Domestic and Personal problems, Marital Discord, Stress and Financial problems as the major causes of suicides by armed forces personnel.

The Government has taken several steps towards stress amelioration amongst troops, which include, deployment of trained psychological counsellors, improvement in the quality of food and clothing, training in stress management, provision of recreational facilities, buddy system, leave concessions, approachability of seniors, facilities for movement of troops from border areas and establishing a grievance redressal mechanism at various levels, etc.

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