GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1942

TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.09.2020

Suicide by Sportspersons

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sportspersons who commit suicide annually across the country;
- (b) the details in this regard during the last three years;
- (c) the efforts being made by the ministry to prevent it; and
- (d) the manner in which assistance is being provided by the Government to victim sportspersons?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS [SHRI KIREN RIJIJU]

- (a) & (b): During the last three years, none of the sportspersons supported under sports promotional schemes of the Department of Sports, have been committed suicide.
- (c) & (d): A Call Centre has been established in Sports Authority of India wherein the athletes can call and lodge their grievances for speedy resolution. Further, workshops are organized with trainees to sensitize the sportspersons about various recourses available to them in case they face any kind of harassment.
