

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 546**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022

**SUICIDES BY DEFENCE PERSONNEL**

546. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a study conducted by an Indian think tank has found that a large number of defence personnel are under severe stress which is resulting in suicides, fratricides and untoward incidents each year in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of defence personnel who left services due to severe stress in the last three years; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce stress in the defence forces and to ensure better facilities and avenues to the serving defence personnel?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) & (b): The number of suicide and fratricide cases are minimal and they have been going down due to a large number of measures initiated by the Armed Forces including conduct and implementation of recommendations of studies by Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR).
- (c) As per available data, no defence personnel has left service due to stress in last three years.
- (d) The Government has taken several steps towards stress amelioration amongst troops which, inter-alia, 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.

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