

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2599**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND AUGUST, 2022/ SRAVANA 11, 1944 (SAKA)

SUICIDE CASES

2599. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rate of suicides in the country has gone up recently;**
- (b) if so, whether young adults account for a large percentage of the suicide cases; and**
- (c) whether the rate of suicides is higher among men than women and if so, the reasons behind these suicides and the policy of the Government to combat the situation?**

ANSWER

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

(a): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles and publishes data on suicides in its publication 'Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India (ADSI)'. The published reports are available till the year 2020. The 'Rate of Suicides' during the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 was 10.3, 9.9, 10.2, 10.4 and 11.3 respectively, of per lakh population.

(b): Following table indicates total suicides and suicides in the age group of 18 years to below 30 years.

Year	Total	In age group of (18 years – below 30 years)
2018	134516	46912
2019	139123	48774
2020	153052	52718

(c): NCRB does not publish the 'Rate of Suicides' separately for male and female. However, there are various causes of suicide such as family issues, marriage related issues, extra-marital relations, love affairs, divorce, illness, poverty, ineptness, property disputes etc..

As per the National Mental Health Survey, 2016, mental health problems are both a cause and consequence of several disorders, non-communicable diseases, addiction problems, injury and violence, social problems and are linked with social determinants of health. With a view to address the burden of mental disorders, the Government of India is supporting implementation of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in 704 districts of the country for which support is provided to States/UTs through the National Health Mission. Facilities made available under DMHP at the Community Health Centre(CHC) and Primary Health Centre(PHC) levels, inter-alia, include outpatient services, assessment, counselling/ psycho-social interventions, continuing care and support to persons with severe

mental disorders, drugs, outreach services, ambulance services etc. In addition to above services there is a provision of 10 bedded in-patient facility at the District level. The objectives of DMHP are:

- i. to provide suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counselling in schools and colleges.**

- ii. to provide mental health services including prevention, promotion and long-term continuing care at different levels of district healthcare delivery system.**

- iii. to augment institutional capacity in terms of infrastructure, equipment and human resource for mental healthcare.**

- iv. to promote community awareness and participation in the delivery of mental healthcare services.**
