

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1834

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2015/SRAVANA 14, 1937 (SAKA)

SUICIDES IN THE COUNTRY

1834. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many suicides have taken place in the country during last three years, the numbers of farmers, housewives and students died because of this in each year;
- (b) of these deaths, how many are classified as due to economic reasons, how many due to mental stress and how many provoked by kith or kin or others for various reasons; and
- (c) whether Government considers that many if not all of them could have been prevented by more meaningful attitude, prompt and sympathetic action and more vigilance on the part of Government and authorities as well as relatives and friends?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b) As per information compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the total number of suicides during 2012 to 2014 and the breakup of suicides is as follows:-

Year	Total No. of suicides	Suicide committed by self employed in farming / agriculture activities	Suicide committed by housewives	Suicide committed by students	Suicide committed due to bankruptcy or indebtedness	Suicide committed due to insanity / mental illness
2012	135445	13754	21904	6654	2357	7769
2013	134799	11772	22742	8423	2678	8006
2014	131666	5650*	20148	8068	2308	7104

\*Farmers

The data on persons self-employed in agriculture /farming activity, housewives and students committing suicides due to economic reasons, mental stress and provocation by kith or kin is not maintained separately by the Bureau.

(c): Major mental health problems like depression, schizophrenia, addiction to alcohol, affective disorders, drug dependence, adjustment disorders, mood and personality problems have been identified among those committed or attempting suicides. The Government has approved implementation of the District Mental Health Programme in some of the districts of the country with added components of suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counseling in schools and colleges.

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