

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3252**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH MARCH, 2023/ CHAITRA 8, 1945 (SAKA)

INCIDENCE OF SUICIDES AMONG CHILDREN

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has details of the number of children who died by suicides in the country over the last five years;

(b) if so, State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any enquiry or research to find out the reasons behind increasing incidence of suicides among children;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) details of the policies taken to prevent suicides among children?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISHRA)**

(a) & (b): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles and publishes statistical data on crimes in its publication “Crime in India”. The published reports are available until year 2021. The State/UT-wise details of number of suicides committed by children (below 18 years) in the country during the year 2017-21 is enclosed at Annexure.

(c) to (e) Ministry of Education has undertaken a proactive initiative, named “Manodarpan” covering a wide range of activities to provide psychosocial support to students, teachers and families for Mental Health and Emotional Well being during the COVID outbreak and beyond. A webpage for

Manodarpan has been created on the Website of the Ministry of Education, which contains advisory, practical tips, posters, videos, do's and don'ts for psychosocial support, FAQs and online query system. Further, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has started "NCERT Counselling Services for School Children" in April, 2020 to help school students across the country to share their concerns.

Ministry of Health & Family welfare, Government of India is supporting implementation of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in 716 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 health care services.**

Ministry of Health & Family welfare has also formulated our country's first National Suicide Prevention Strategy. The Strategy is available on the website of Ministry of Health & Family welfare (www.mohfw.gov.in)

In addition to above, Mental healthcare services have also been added in the package of services under Comprehensive Primary Health Care under Ayushman Bharat-HWC Scheme. Operational guidelines on Mental, Neurological, and Substance Use Disorders (MNs) at Health and Wellness Centers (HWC) have been released under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat. Ministry of Women and Child Development has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with NIMHANS to establish a National Initiative & Integrated Resource Centre for Child Protection, Mental Health, and Psychosocial Care named "SAMVAD" at NIMHANS, at Bangalore.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) & (B) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 3252
FOR ANSWER ON 29.03.2023 REGARDING INCIDENCE OF SUICIDES AMONG CHILDREN.**

State/UT wise number of suicides committed by children (below 18 years of age) during 2017-21

S. No	State/UT	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1	Andhra Pradesh	334	254	355	332	337
2	Arunachal Pradesh	7	18	10	19	19
3	Assam	271	234	235	297	292
4	Bihar	100	107	150	156	152
5	Chhattisgarh	576	655	752	725	681
6	Goa	11	16	17	11	13
7	Gujarat	485	518	496	532	523
8	Haryana	277	242	262	288	268
9	Himachal Pradesh	51	80	48	68	64
10	Jharkhand	195	287	365	456	418
11	Karnataka	573	574	546	494	645
12	Kerala	279	253	300	330	338
13	Madhya Pradesh	1223	1139	1233	1620	1447
14	Maharashtra	971	950	953	1003	995
15	Manipur	4	11	6	5	4
16	Meghalaya	20	23	19	35	27
17	Mizoram	12	4	6	9	10
18	Nagaland	2	6	7	8	2
19	Odisha	304	309	420	1362	1002
20	Punjab	62	74	78	98	112
21	Rajasthan	325	360	367	459	329
22	Sikkim	25	19	21	39	20
23	Tamil Nadu	794	746	744	744	824
24	Telangana	409	467	375	360	365
25	Tripura	92	59	72	111	66
26	Uttar Pradesh	369	444	417	229	223
27	Uttarakhand	11	33	39	62	68
28	West Bengal	1153	1175	993	1187	1218
	TOTAL STATE(S)	8935	9057	9286	11039	10462
29	A & N Islands	10	14	5	10	9
30	Chandigarh	17	15	14	10	8
31	D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu +	8	23	14	14	17
32	Delhi UT	286	268	258	272	200
33	Jammu & Kashmir *	16	16	11	31	22
34	Ladakh	-	-	-	4	1
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	44	38	25	16	13
	TOTAL UT(S)	381	374	327	357	270
	TOTAL {ALL INDIA}	9316	9431	9613	11396	10732

As per data provided by States/UTs

'+' Combined data of erstwhile of D & D HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU UT during 2017-2019

'*' Data of erstwhile JAMMU & KASHMIR State including LADAKH during 2017-2019

'@' Data of newly created Union Territory