

Rising suicide rates amongst young women in India

SHRI ABDUL WAHAB (Kerala): Sir, I am talking about suicides cases among young women. According to the records, it is more in south India, especially in Kerala, Karnataka, etc. I feel that it is because of under reporting of suicides in north India. In north India, maybe, they are not reporting the cases fearing that some dowry case may be registered against them or some case of harassment by the father-in-law or the mother-in-law may be registered. In South, we have clear data. Try to make the data clear, so that the Government can intervene in this area. 'बेटी बचाओ, बेटी पढ़ाओ' और 'बेटी को खुदकुशी से भी बचाओ' - थोड़ा स्लोगन चेंज करना चाहिए under the able leadership of Narendra Modi ji. On suicides, experts point out that Central India has better reporting infrastructure. The Government machinery needs to have more counseling centres, more facilities and infrastructure to educate the young women. Our new generation, especially youngsters cannot take stress. They are mostly like broiler chicken; every time they need some sort of antibiotics nowadays. They get stressed immediately. Even a four-year-old child or a five-year-old child or a seven-year-old child commits suicide. The Government of India has to take it seriously. More counselling centres and in colleges, more psychology batches should be given. Then only can we curb this. Our rate per 1,00,000 is 6.4 but global average is 5.2. Our Government has already promised that by 2030, we will reduce this rate and bring it to the global level. I urge the Government to take more positive action in this regard. Thank you very much, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the mention made by the hon. Member, Shri Abdul Wahab: Shrimati Mahua Maji (Jharkhand), Shri Sujeet Kumar (Odisha), Shri M. Shanmugam (Tamil Nadu), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar (Andhra Pradesh), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shri Jawhar Sircar (West Bengal), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas (West Bengal), Dr. Santanu Sen (West Bengal), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. Amar Patnaik (Odisha), Shrimati Vandana Chavan (Maharashtra) and Shri Binoy Viswam (Kerala).

Shri Harbhajan Singh. Need to increase public expenditure on health. नहीं बोलना चाहते हैं, धन्यवाद। Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar.