

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1692  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

SUICIDE CASES IN DEFENCE

1692. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE please be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of suicide and fratricide cases reported in the armed forces during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to stop such incidents; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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**(a) to (c): A statement is attached.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1692 FOR ANSWER ON 13.2.2019**

(a) The details of number of incidents of suicide and fratricide cases in the armed forces during the last three years are as under:

Year	Army		Navy		Air Force	
	No. of Suspected Suicide Cases	No. of Fratricide Cases	No. of Suspected Suicide Cases	No. of Fratricide Cases	No. of Suspected Suicide Cases	No. of Fratricide Cases
2016	104	02	06	Nil	19	01
2017	75	01	05	Nil	21	Nil
2018	80	01	08	Nil	16	Nil

**(b) & (c):** Various steps have been taken by the Armed Forces to create healthy and favourable environment for their Officers and Other Ranks. Some of these steps are as under:-

- Provision of better quality of facilities such as clothing, food, married accommodation, travel facilities, schooling, recreation etc. and periodic welfare meeting.
- Conduct of yoga and meditation as a tool for stress management.
- Training and deployment of psychological counsellors.
- Institutionalization of projects 'MILAP' and 'SAHYOG' by Army in Northern & Eastern Command to reduce stress among troops.
- A 'Mansik Sahayata Helpline' has been established by Army & Air Force to take professional counselling.
- Mental Health Awareness is provided during pre-induction training.
- Formation of Military Psychiatry Treatment Centre at INHS Asvini and establishment of Mental Health Centres in Mumbai, Visakhapatnam, Kochi, Port Blair, Goa and Karwar.

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