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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether cases of suicides among jawans of Armed Forces are increasing;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of such cases reported during the last one year till date; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) There is no definite trend of increase in such cases.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) Since January 2005, 93 cases of suicide have been reported.
- (d) Proactive approach through better man management techniques is being adopted at different levels. Measures such as identification of high risk category, increased inter personnel relationship and communication between Officers and Jawans, stress management, counselling by professionals, establishment of helpline and increased focus on welfare activities are taken to prevent such incidents.