

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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CASES OF STRESS AND FATIGUE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that cases of stress and fatigue leading to violence among Army jawans have been increasing;
- (b) if so, the number of such incidents reported during each of the last three years, till date;
- (c) whether the Government has made any study to find out the reasons for such trend among jawans; and
- (d) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The isolated cases of assault and affray, or resorting to other criminal acts of murder or suicide can be broadly attributed to professional stress and not fatigue. The number of such incidents has not been increasing.

(b) The total number of incidents of violence, including assault and affray, reported in the last three years is given below. In the Army, there are 1154108 personnel. The figures- given below should be seen in this context.

Year	Violence including assault and affray
2002	37
2003	25
2004	33
2005 (till date)	18

The total number of murder and suicide cases are as follows:-

Year	Murder	Suicide
2002	6(Reported)	66(Reported)
2003	16	96
2004	18	100
2005	16	71
(till date)		

(c) & (d): Identification, analysis and prevention of cases of serious offences by troops is an ongoing process. In this regard measures suggested in the report of the study of the College of Defence Management have been widely disseminated to all concerned. Instructions have been issued whereby timely and positive response to the requirements of the troops and unit sentiments are encouraged.