

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2821  
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2006  
W.H.O. REPORT ON SUICIDE  
Singh Shri Ganesh

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) in its report has stated that India is on the top of the list of the countries in the world where the youth in the age group of 15 to 25 are committing suicide;
- (b) If so, whether the W.H.O. has stated that the maximum number of the youth who are committing suicide in India are from South India;
- (c) If so, the details and facts in this regard, alongwith reasons therefor;
- (d) The effective steps also taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ;
- (e) If so, whether the Government agree to the report; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (c): The World Health Organization (WHO) Report titled `Suicide Prevention: Emerging from Darkness` brought out by WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia in 2001, provides information on suicides in the region. It does not state that India is on top of the list of the countries in the world where the youth in the age group of 15 to 25 are committing suicide or that the maximum number of suicides in that age group is from South India. The Report states that Kerala, Karnataka, Tripura and West Bengal had the highest rates of suicides. However, the Report adds that `major variations are noticed across the country, probably related to reporting practices`.

(d) to (f): Do not arise.