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Suicide By Scientists in Scientific Departments

4074. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many scientists working in various scientific Departments have committed suicide on account of their frustration for not getting timely promotions in their respective grades;

(b) if so, the number of such cases for the last three years with the details of circumstances leading to taking such a steps by the scientists; and

(c) the concrete steps taken to remove frustration amongst scientists and to improve their lot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOL-

OGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). Government is not aware of any scientist having committed suicide in the major scientific departments such as Department of Science and Technology, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Biotechnology, Atomic Energy, Space, Ocean Development and Defence Research and Development Organisation during the last three years.

(c) Several measures/ programmes/ activities have been initiated to provide better and improved working conditions to scientists and technologist. As and when necessary, corrective measures have also been taken relating to personnel policies including promotions, pensions, scholarships, training opportunities etc. This is a continuing process.

Directions to Monitor Programme on Public Representations

4075. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue directions/guidelines to all Government departments to monitor progress every month on the representations/ petitions received from public; and government servants till the final disposal there of and to render reports to the Minister-in-charge; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). Under the existing instructions, the Ministries/Departments have designated Directors of Grievances who are required to monitor the disposal of representations/peti-