

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1987
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2014

DEATHS OF SCIENTISTS

1987. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of a number of alleged unnatural deaths of scientists and engineers in the atomic power stations and other research centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years and the reasons attributed for the same;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted investigations into such incidents;
- (d) if so, the details along with the findings thereof;
- (e) whether any steps or security measures have been taken to prevent such incidents in future; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The details are furnished in the attached Annexure.
- (c)&(d) All cases were taken up by local police for investigation. Findings of police investigation are also indicated in the Annexure.
- (e) Yes, Sir.
- (f) Safety measures to prevent casualties due to industrial accidents are in place at all nuclear power plants. The security and safety instructions issued by various security agencies and the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board are strictly implemented at all nuclear power plant sites and residential townships. Awareness programmes regarding security threats and counter measures are being conducted on regular basis.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF UNNATURAL DEATHS OF THE SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS IN THE ATOMIC POWER STATIONS AND OTHER RESEARCH CENTRES OF THE DEPARTMENT between 01.07.2009 TO 30.06.2014.

Sl. No.	Date	Designation	Type of unnatural death	Name of investigating agency	Reason for unnatural death as per police investigation
1	29.12.2009	Sr.Research Fellow, BARC	Died due to fire accident in Chemistry lab, BARC.	Police Station Trombay, Mumbai.	Accidental fire in Chemistry lab
2	29.12.2009	Jr.Research Fellow, BARC			
3	22.2.2010	Scientific Officer /F	Found dead at residence	Police Station Gamdevi, Mumbai	Murder by strangulation. Accused remained untraced
4	3.3.2010	Scientific Officer/C	Suicide by hanging	Police Station Trombay, Mumbai	Under investigation
5	10.04.2010	Scientific Officer/D, RRCAT	Suicide by hanging	Rajendra Police Station, Indore	Death by hanging. Case closed
6	1.11.2010	Scientific Officer/C, Computer Dvn.	Suicide by hanging	Police Station Trombay, Mumbai.	Suicide due to prolonged illness
7	20.10.2012	Scientific Officer/C-HWP	Found Hanging in the house	Police Station Rawatbhata	Under investigation
8	14.3.2013	Scientific Officer/D, RCD	Suicide by hanging	Police Station Govandi, Mumbai.	Committed suicide due to personal reason
9	4.10.2013	Scientific Officer /E, HPU	Suicide by jumping into sea at sea water intake jetty area, Kalpakkam.	Police Station Pudupattinam, Dist-Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu.	Under investigation

DETAILS OF UNNATURAL DEATHS OF NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION OF INDIA (NPCIL) Scientists/Engineers between 01.01.2009 TO 31.12.2013.

Sl. No.	Date	Designation	Type of unnatural death	Name of investigating agency	Reason for unnatural death
1	09.04.2009	Scientific Officer/D	Road accident at Nagpur	Korade Police Station, Nagpur, Maharashtra.	Accidental death
2	13.06.2009	Scientific Officer/G	Suicide by drowning in Kali river	Mallapur Police Station, N. Karwar Karnataka.	Committed suicide due to personal reason
3	04.10.2013	Scientific Officer/E	Suicide by jumping into sea at sea water intake jetty area, Kalpakkam.	Pudupattinam Police Station, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu.	Under investigation.
