

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.544**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2015

**DEATHS OF NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS**

544. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 11 nuclear scientists died unnaturally under mysterious conditions between the years 2009-13 in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted special inquiry to bring out the mysterious of deaths of scientists;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the kind of action taken by the Government to provide adequate protection to the nuclear scientists working in the Government organisations/institutions?

**ANSWER**

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

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- (a) There were 11 unnatural deaths comprising 9 scientists and 2 research fellows of the Department of Atomic Energy during the period. All these cases of unnatural deaths were investigated by the Police and no case was categorised as "mysterious".
- (b) The details are furnished in Annexure I.
- (c) No, but a detailed analysis of death of scientists and research fellows was done and nothing unusual was unearthed.
- (d) Not required.
- (e) Security of scientists/ engineers of DAE at work place and in departmental residential colonies are being audited regularly by agency of Ministry of Home Affairs and as per their suggestions arrangements are in place.

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DETAILS OF UNNATURAL DEATHS OF THE SCIENTISTS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
between 01.01.2009 to 31.12.2013.

S.No.	Date	Designation	Type of unnatural death	Name of investigating agency	Reason for unnatural death
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	09.04.2009	Scientific officer/D	Road accident at Nagpur	Korade Police Station, Nagpur, Maharashtra	Accidental Death
4	13.06.2009	Scientific officer/G	Suicide by drowning in kali river	Mallapur Police Station, N. Karwar, Karnataka	Suicide due to personal reason
5	22.02.2010	Scientific Officer/F	Found dead at residence	Gamdevi Police Station, Mumbai	Murder by strangulation. Accused remained untraced.
6	03.03.2010	Scientific Officer/C	Suicide by hanging at residence	Trombay Police Station, Mumbai	Suicide by hanging at residence.
7	10.04.2010	Scientific Officer/D, RRCAT	Suicide by hanging	Rajendra Nagar police Station, Indore	Suicide by hanging.
8	01.11.2010	Scientific Officer/C	Suicide by hanging	Turbhe Police Station, Navi Mumbai	Suicide due to prolonged illness.
9	20.10.2012	Scientific Officer/C, HWP	Suicide by hanging at residence	Rawatbhata Police Station, Rajasthan.	Under Investigation.
10	14.03.2013	Scientific Officer/D	Suicide by hanging at residence	Govandi Police Station, Mumbai.	Suicide due to personal reasons.
11	04.10.2013	Scientific Officer/E	Suicide by jumping into sea at sea water intake jetty area, DAE Kalpakkam	Pudupattinam Police Station Kalpakkam.	Suicide by jumping into sea.

Note : Out of above 11 cases, 2 cases are due to industrial fire accident, 1 case of road accident ,7 cases of suicide & 1 case of murder.