INTRODUCTION

This annual report is designed to present statistics of accidental deaths and suicides in India for the year 1985. Part-I deals with All-India figures of "Accidental Deaths" under various heads. Part-II presents statistics in respect of "Suicides".

The number of accidental deaths has been continuously showing an upward trend since 1979 rising from 1,08,987 in 1979 to 1,39,657 in 1985. The number of suicides has also been showing an upward trend continuously since 1981 and the number of suicides went up from 40,245 in 1981 to 52,811 in 1985 which was the highest number since 1975.

The compilation is based on the figures furnished by the States/Union Territories and the Metropolitan Cities.

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