INTRODUCTION

This annual report presents statistics of accidental deaths and suicides in India for the year 1986. While 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 showing a steady upward trend rising from 1,08,987 in 1979 to an all-time high of 1,47,023 in 1986. The total accidental deaths involve 67.0% of males and 33.0% of females. 35.5% of the total accidental deaths occurred in the age group of 18-30 years, 31.0% in the age group of 30-50 years, 18.9% in the age group of below 18 years, while 14.6% of such deaths took place in the age group of above 50 years.

The number of suicides has also been showing an upward trend continuously since 1981 rising from 40,245 in 1981 to an all-time high of 54,357 in 1986 since 1976. The total suicidal deaths include 57.5% of males and 42.5% of females. 44.8% of the total suicidal deaths occurred in the age group of 18-30 years, 29.1% in the age group of 30-50 years, 13.9% in the age group of below 18 years, while 12.2% of such deaths took place in the age group of above 50 years.

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

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