MESSAGE

I am glad to know that National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is bringing out the 2009 edition of its annual publication 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India'.

Accidents – man-made and natural – and suicides are among the two most important reasons of pre-mature end to human lives. Injuries resulting from the accidents handicap many people. These unfortunate victims are important members of their families as well as of the society. This way, the loss due to accidents and suicides is felt by family members and society at large. The deep and wide impact of accidents and suicides makes it incumbent upon society to make efforts at reducing the incidence of these phenomena. Data on accidents and suicides is required to carry out any study.

This publication contains detailed statistical information on various aspects of accidents and suicides. The information contained in the publication has been found to be extremely useful in preparing replies to Parliament Questions. It is hoped that the policy makers, law enforcement agencies, Government Departments, researchers, media and NGOs will be benefitted from the data contained in the publication. In this regard, users will be happy to note that NCRB has digitised the previous editions of this publication and made them available on its website.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the heads of Police of all States, UTs and mega cities for providing the necessary information to NCRB. However, I request them to provide the complete and consistent data of the year 2010 to NCRB by February 2011 so that the report could be published by April 2011, positively.

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