SNAPSHOTS - 1998

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

♦ 1 Death by Accident reported in every 2.0 minutes as against 1 death in 3.2 minutes in 1988.
♦ 10.5 per cent increase in Accidental Deaths over previous year.
  ♦ 20.4 per cent decrease in deaths by natural causes.
  ♦ 9.6 per cent increase in deaths by un-natural causes.
♦ 23 per cent of all the Accidental Deaths in the country reported from Maharashtra State.
♦ On an average 66 deaths per lakh population in Maharashtra, the highest rate for accidents compared to All-India rate of 26.6.
♦ 92 per cent deaths due to ‘Cyclone/Tornado reported from Gujarat.
♦ 76 per cent deaths due to ‘Fire arm’ Accidents reported from Uttar Pradesh.
♦ 55 per cent of deaths due to ‘Rail-Road’ Accidents were from Tamil Nadu.
♦ 107 deaths per 100 cases of ‘Road-Accident’ reported from Pune as against All-India average 25.6.
♦ 25.7 per cent of Road Accident victims were occupants of ‘Truck/Lorry’. Pedestrians constituted 32.7 per cent of victims on Delhi Roads.

SUICIDES

♦ 1 Suicide reported in every 5 minutes as against 1 suicide in 8.2 minutes in 1988.
♦ 37 percent of the suicide victims from West Bengal (13.6%), Maharashtra (13.0%) and Tamil Nadu (10.5%).
♦ 50 suicidal deaths per lakh of population reported from Pondicherry.
♦ 21 percent of the total suicides due to Illness; 19 percent due to family problems.
♦ 1 in every 3 suicide victims was a youth (15-29 years).
♦ More Female youth (54.2%) committed suicide due to ‘Family Problems’ than males.
♦ 61 housewives (as against 57 in 1997), on an average committed suicide in a day in the country.
♦ 8.3 percent of the suicide victims were un-employed.
♦ 59 percent of the suicide victims were married.
♦ 26 percent of suicide victims had no education.
♦ 37 percent of the suicide victims consumed poison; 26 percent of the victims took to hanging.
♦ On an average 3.7 suicides a day witnessed in Mumbai.
♦ 74 percent of the female suicide victims in Mumbai were house-wives.