

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-645
ANSWERED ON- 08/02/2023

SCHEMES AND INITIATIVES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

645 SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Counsellors appointed in universities under the UGC guidelines mandating appointment of Counsellor in every university for treatment/therapy of students who are suffering from mental health disorders;
- (b) the details thereof, University-wise; and
- (c) the number of students who availed such services, details thereof, University-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): As per the information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), the draft UGC guidelines for Promotion of Physical Fitness, Sports, Students' Health, Welfare, Psychological and Emotional Well-Being at Higher Educational Institutions, which inter-alia provide for appointments of Counsellors, were placed in public domain seeking comments from the stakeholders. However, the final guidelines have not been issued.

Further, the UGC has issued advisories to the Universities in April 2020 and January 2023 regarding Mental Health & Well-Being of Students during and after COVID-19 outbreak and National Suicide Prevention Strategy respectively.
