

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 219
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2017**

Student Death and Dropout in IITs

219. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the number of student' deaths and drop out rates of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);
- (b) if so, the details of such instances reported in the current year, Institution-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the students in IITs are encouraged to join de-stressing and other motivational/ psychological activities for total personality development and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

(a) to (c) : During the current academic year, 8 cases of death have been reported, which include 4 unnatural and 4 accidental deaths in various IITs. IITs have been taking various steps such as appointment of Student Counselors, organizing Workshops/Seminars on Happiness/Wellness, regular sessions on Yoga, holding induction programs, extracurricular activities including sports and cultural activities etc. to de-stress the students and for their overall personality development. As regards drop-outs, a total of 889 students dropped out from various programmes in IITs, which include 630 in Postgraduate, 196 in Ph.D and 63 in Undergraduate programmes. The main reasons for Ph.D. and Postgraduate students leaving the courses midway are the offers for placement in Public Sector Enterprises, and personal preference for better opportunities elsewhere. The drop out in Undergraduate programmes is attributed to withdrawal due to wrong choices filled, poor performance and personal reasons. Details of deaths and drop-outs in each IITs are annexed.

ANNEXURE

REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 219 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2017 REGARDING “STUDENT DEATH AND DROPOUT IN IITs” ASKED BY SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

Details of student’s death in IITs

Sl. No.	Name of the institute	No. of student death	Reasons of death
1.	IIT Kharagpur	03	All the death cases were unnatural and the final reports from the police have not been received.
2.	IIT Madras	01	Accident.
3.	IIT Roorkee	01	Accident.
4.	IIT BHU Varanasi	01	Committed suicide.
5.	IIT Bhubaneswar	01	Died on 24.10.2016 due to asphyxia caused by drowning under sea water (Bay of Bengal).
6.	IIT Mandi	01	Died due to drowning in the river.

Details of student’s dropout in IITs

Sl. No.	Name of the institute	Number of dropout			
		UG	PG	Ph.D	Total
1.	IIT Kharagpur	12	82	0	94
2.	IIT Bombay	0	52	19	71
3.	IIT Delhi	3	180	0	183
4.	IIT Kanpur	15	140	0	155
5.	IIT Madras	0	0	0	0
6.	IIT Guwahati	3	0	0	3
7.	IIT Roorkee	25	112	102	239
8.	IIT BHU(Varanasi)	0	0	0	0
9.	IIT Hyderabad	01	35	24	60
10.	IIT Jodhpur	0	0	04	04
11.	IIT Gandhinagar	0	0	0	0
12.	IIT Bhubaneswar	0	16	15	31
13.	IIT Patna	0	8	11	19
14.	IIT Indore	01	5	12	18
15.	IIT Ropar	2	0	0	2
16.	IIT Mandi	0	0	09	9
17.	IIT Palakkad	01	0	0	1
	Total	63	630	196	889
18.	IIT Tirupati	No Drop Outs			
19.	IIT Bhilai				
20.	IIT Goa				
21.	IIT Dharwad				
22.	IIT Jammu				
23.	IIT (ISM) Dhanbad				
