

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.231
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019**

Suicide by Students

231. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the stress level has been increasing in students due to various reasons and whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed the recent cases of suicides by students studying in universities in the country and if so, the details thereof University-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent student suicides and safety on and off campuses?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

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(a) & (b): A study namely "Psychosocial Study of Ragging in Selected Educational Institutions in India" was conducted by Jawaharlal Nehru University on 24.11.2011 and submitted to UGC on 01.12.2015. According to this study, a significant number of respondents felt more stressed and pressured after joining college. This report is available on UGC Website and may be accessed at:

https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7661310_Psychosocial-Study-of-Ragging.pdf

(c) The UGC maintains the data of alleged suicide cases only for ragging related cases. University-wise details of cases in this regard may be seen at:

<https://amanmovement.org/registration/public/amanmovement/suicidewisereport.php>

(d) The UGC has undertaken a publicity/media campaign against ragging in Higher Educational Institutions in the country. It has planned massive campaign including creation of posters, jingles, commercials and short films against ragging which are displayed in universities across the country.

A number of steps have been taken for overall development of students to de stress them. These include appointment of Student Counsellors in Educational Institutions, organizing regular Workshops on Happiness/ Wellness, regular sessions on Yoga, holding induction programs, extracurricular activities including sports and cultural activities etc.
