

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3423  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

**Suicide in Colleges**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that students are committing suicides due to mental and physical harrasment in the colleges across the country including IIT, Chennai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such cases noticed during the last three years, State-wise and the number of said cases in which action has been taken; and
- (d) the effective action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) & (b): All cases of suicides in colleges (including IIT Madras) are reported to the Local Police for investigation and taking appropriate action as per law. Colleges provide full support to police authorities to enquire into the matter. During the last 3 years (including current year), 4 cases of suicide have been reported in IIT Madras.

(c) : The State-wise data regarding number of suicides is not maintained by this Ministry. However, institute-wise number of suicides in the last three years is as under:-

SI No.	Institute	No. of suicides
1.	Indian Institutes of Technology	16
2.	Indian Institute of Information Technology	1
3.	National Institutes of Technology	12
4.	Indian Institutes of Management	3
5.	Central Universities	21
6.	AICTE affiliated colleges	28

(d) : Colleges have taken various steps for overall development of students as well as to de-stress them. These includes establishment of Students Wellness Centre, Guidance and Counseling unit and appointment of Student Counselors, student mentors, organizing Workshops/Seminars on Happiness/Wellness, regular sessions on Yoga, holding induction programs, extracurricular activities including sports and cultural activities etc.

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