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 harrassment 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
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(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:

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<th>Sl No.</th>
<th>Institute</th>
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<td>Indian Institutes of Technology</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Central Universities</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>AICTE affiliated colleges</td>
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(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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