

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021

Suicide Cases in Higher Educational Institutions

***315. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:**

Will the **Minister of EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a)** the number of incidents of suicides by the students of Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Management (IIMs), Indian Institute of Science (IISCs), Central Universities and other higher educational institutions during 2014 to 2021 and out of those who committed suicide the number of students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities;
- (b)** whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard keeping in mind the increasing number of such suicides and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c)** the measures taken by the Government to check such suicidal tendencies among students?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 315 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021 REGARDING "SUICIDE CASES IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS" ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ.

(a) to (c) : The number of incidents of suicides by the students of Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Management (IIMs), Indian Institute of Science (IISCs), Central Universities and other higher educational institutions during 2014 to 2021 viz-a-viz number of students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities are as follows:

S.No.	Institute	Total	SC	ST	OBC	Minority
1.	Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)	34	5	0	13	0
2.	Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs)	5	0	0	1	0
3.	Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore and Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISERs)	9	3	0	1	0
4.	Central Universities (CUs)	37	9	1	14	3
5.	Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs)	4	1	1	1	0
6.	National Institute of technology (NITs)	30	6	0	11	0
7.	Other Centrally funded Technical institutions i.e. NITIE Mumbai, SLIET Longowala	3	0	1	0	0
Total		122	24	3	41	3

The Government of India and University Grants Commission (UGC) have taken several initiatives to check the incidents of harassment and discrimination of students. University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2019 have been formulated to safeguard the interests of the students.

Further, the Ministry has undertaken various steps such as peer assisted learning, introduction of technical education in regional languages for students in order to ease the academic stress. The Government of India initiative, named MANODARPAN, covers a wide range of activities to provide psychological support to students, teachers and families for mental and emotional well being during the Covid outbreak and beyond. In addition, institutions conduct workshops/seminars on Happiness and Wellness, regular sessions on Yoga, induction programs, extracurricular activities including sports and cultural activities and appointment of Student Counsellors for overall personality development and de-stressing students. Further, students, wardens and caretakers are sensitised to bring to notice the signs of depression in fellow students to the authorities so that timely clinical consultation may be provided.