

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 96
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

NEET Aspirants Committing Suicide

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the reports of NEET aspirants committing suicide in various parts of the country including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is promoting counseling sessions for students;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of suicide of students in the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) & (b): As informed by National Crime Records Bureau & Ministry of Home Affairs, specific information relating to NEET aspirants committing suicides is not maintained separately.

(c) to (e): In order to help the students to practice well for NEET (UG) exam, **National Testing Agency (NTA)**, has launched a Mobile App 'National Test Abhyas' to facilitate candidates' access to high quality mock tests online free of cost. 13.97 lakhs students have registered for test practice for NEET (UG) and 65 lakhs Sessions of Mock Test have been conducted. The syllabus of NEET (UG) is based on the syllabi of all the State Boards & National Boards. Question Papers are also prepared taking the help of the State level Experts. In order to enable the candidates from State Boards & rural areas to understand the questions properly, the question paper for NEET (UG), 2021 has been set in 13 languages viz., English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali,

Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

Further, the Ministry of Education has undertaken a proactive initiative, named '**Manodarpan**' covering a wide range of activities to provide psychosocial support to students, teachers and families for Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing during the COVID outbreak and beyond. A web-page for Manodarpan (URL: <https://manodarpan.education.gov.in/>) has been created on the Website of the Ministry of Education, which contains advisory, practical tips, posters, videos, do's and don'ts for psychosocial support, FAQs and online query system.

The **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** has started 'NCERT Counselling Services for School Children' in April, 2020 to help school students across the country share their concerns. This service is provided free of charge by about 270 counsellors across different regions of the country.
