

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 443
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022**

Suicide Cases of Students

***443. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that suicide cases of students have increased in the country especially in universities/colleges including Teerthanker Mahaveer University (TMU), Moradabad;
- (b) if so, the number of cases reported in the country during the last five years and the current year especially in Uttar Pradesh along with the reasons therefor, University/State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent suicides by students and to ensure their safety on and off campuses?

**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. *443 FOR 04.04.2022 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT KUNWAR DANISH ALI REGARDING SUICIDE CASES OF STUDENTS

(a) & (b): University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that Central Universities under its purview have reported 24 suicide cases of students from the year 2017 to 2022. The reasons of suicide by students are not maintained. The State-wise details of cases including Uttar Pradesh for the last five years and current year are annexed.

UGC has further informed that two suicide cases of students have been reported by Teerthanker Mahaveer University (Private University), Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh in November, 2018 & October, 2021. The said University is a State Private University.

(c): The Government of India and the 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. UGC has also notified UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 and issued circulars for strict compliance of the Regulations.

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 sensitized to bring to notice the signs of depression in fellow students to the authorities so that timely clinical consultation may be provided.

ANNEXURE

**ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARA (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*443 FOR 04.04.2022 ASKED BY KUNWAR DANISH ALI
HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING SUICIDE CASES OF STUDENTS**

S. No.	Name of State	Year-wise number of suicide cases reported in Central Universities					
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1.	Bihar	0	0	0	0	1	0
2.	Delhi	2	0	1	1	0	0
3.	Haryana	0	0	1	0	0	0
4.	Karnataka	1	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Madhya Pradesh	0	1	0	0	0	0
6.	Puducherry	1	0	0	0	0	1
7.	Rajasthan	0	0	1	0	0	0
8.	Telangana	0	2	0	0	2	0
9.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	1	0	0	0
10.	Uttar Pradesh	3	3	2	0	0	0
Total		7	6	6	1	3	1
