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**Number of Suicides among Students in Various Coaching Institutions**

1007. Dr. Shashi Tharoor:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any survey to assess the number of suicides annually among students enrolled in various coaching institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any policy to tackle suicides in coaching institutes;
- (d) if so the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, whether the Government has any plans to include coaching institutions and higher educational institutions under the purview of the UMMEED guidelines?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (e): Comprehensive analysis of the data related to the accidental deaths and suicides in the country is published in the yearly Accidental Death & Suicide in India (ADSI) reports by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB). Details of students' suicides are available in the year wise ADSI reports which are accessible at <https://ncrb.gov.in/accidental-deaths-suicides-in-india-year-wise.html> .

To address the issue of suicide, the government is taking multi-pronged measures and provides psychological support to students, teachers and families for mental and emotional well-being to avoid incidences of suicide.

An initiative of Ministry, 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.

A "National Tele Mental Health Programme" has been launched in 2022, to improve access to quality mental health counselling and care services in the country. As on 28.11.2024, 36 States/ UTs have set up 53 Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (MANAS) Cells. More than 16,11,000 calls have been handled on the helpline number.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released the National Suicide Prevention Strategy in November, 2022 and UGC has issued advisory to HEIs on 06.01.2023 for taking actions as listed out in the National Suicide Prevention Strategy.

UGC has also issued Guidelines for Promotion of Physical Fitness, Sports, Student's Health, Welfare, Psychological and Emotional Well- being at HEIs on 13.04.2023, which provides

for promoting physical fitness and sports activities for students; creating safeguards against academic pressure, peer pressure, behavioural issues, stress, career concerns, depression and other issues on the mental health of students; to teach positive thinking & emotions in the student community; and to promote a positive and supportive network for students.

The Ministry on 10.07.2023 has also circulated a broad framework for emotional and mental well-being of students in Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) with request to take proactive measures to incorporate the same in the institutional functioning and instil a feeling of confidence in the student community.

Keeping in view the growth in number of unregulated private coaching centers in the country in the absence of any laid down policy or regulation; instances of such centers charging exorbitant fees from students; undue stress on students resulting in students committing suicides etc.; Ministry of Education has circulated a Guidelines for Regulation of Coaching Centers to States/UTs on 16.01.2024 for consideration by way of appropriate legal framework. This has been followed up with another letter to the States/ UTs on 16.07.2024. The Guidelines encompass several key aspects, including laying emphasis on significance of mental well-being, advocating for the prioritization of counsellors and psychologists' support within coaching centres; no segregation of batches on ground of academic performance; restriction on increase of fee during the currency of the course; non-enrolment of student below 16 years of age or before completing secondary school examination; no coaching classes during the students' school / college hours so that regular attendance in such school /college remains unaffected; access to mental health counsellors; coaching classes should not be more than 5 hours in a day for a student; easy exit policy and refund of fee on pro-rata basis to students opting for exit.

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