# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1807 ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

### **Denial of NOC to Nepalese Students**

1807. Shri Naba Charan Majhi:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any formal communication from the Nepal Government regarding the provision or denial of the No Objection Certificate (NOC) for Nepalese Students studying in Odisha;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to address the grievance of Nepalese Students studying in the country, especially in light of the recent B.Tech. Student suicide at KIIT University; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): In line with the vision of NEP 2020 for Internationalisation of Education, University Grant Commission has issued instructions in 2021 for establishment of an Office for International Affairs in each University. The Office for International Affairs is inter-alia responsible to coordinate on matters relating to welcoming and supporting foreign students, to address the grievances of foreign students, to extend all possible help to the foreign students to adapt to the new cultural environment and make their stay in India comfortable and enriching.

Government of India is proactively taking measures to address the grievances of all the students including foreign students studying in Indian Higher Educational Institutions. Further, in April 2023 UGC has also issued University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023, which mandates the establishment of the Students' Grievance Redressal Committee(s) (SGRC) by all Higher Education institutions (HEIS). The Regulations can be accessed at <a href="https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/4675881\_Regulation.pdf">https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/4675881\_Regulation.pdf</a>.

As per the information received from Ministry of External Affairs, No formal communication has been received from the Nepal Government regarding the provision or denial of the No Objection Certificate (NOC) for Nepalese Students studying in Odisha.