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SC/ST Students in Central Universities/IITs/IIMs and IISc

347. Dr. Sharmila Sarkar:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of SC/ST students in central universities, IITs, IIMs and IISc since 2014, year and institution-wise;

(b) the details of the institutions without SC/ST cells and those with non-operational SC/ST cells; and

(c) the details of the number of SC/ST student suicides since 2014, year and institution-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a): As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), number of students belonging to SC/ST category in Central Universities (CU), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in the year 2014-15 and 2022-23(Provisional) is given as under:

Institution Type	Enrolment			
	2014-15		2022-23(Provisional)	
	SC	ST	SC	ST
CU	71,621	25,964	89,182	32,801
IIT	10,392	4,546	18,076	7,408
IIM	983	410	2,537	942
IISc	144	65	156	51

(b): All Central Universities and their constituents' colleges, IITs, IIMs and IISc have functional SC/ST cells.

(c): 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) report by

National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB). Year wise and State wise details of students suicide are available in the ADSI reports which are accessible at <https://www.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 of Education, *Manodarpan*, covers a wide range of activities to provide psychological support to students, teachers and families for mental and emotional well-being such as National toll-free helpline that has been extending guidance to callers through trained counsellor; and live interactive sessions '*Sahyog*' and Webinars '*Paricharcha*' that are organized regularly to create awareness about the importance of mental health among all stakeholders, students in all States/UTs.
