

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUICIDE CASES IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a large number of suicide cases in educational institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is conducting/proposes to conduct study to identify the root cause of students committing suicides; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that such cases are averted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. Only Sporadic incidents of suicide by students in educational institutions, have come to the notice of the Government.

(c) & (d) : Apart from an emphasis on creating a tension free academic environment in higher and technical educational institutions, steps taken by the Government to reduce stress among school level students at the secondary and senior secondary levels are as follow:

- (i) Launching of 'helpline' one month before the commencement of examination also before the declaration of results.
- (ii) Publication of sample question papers and marking schemes to familiarize students and teachers about the nature of questions and question papers.
- (iii) Elimination of overall aggregation of marks to reduce unhealthy competition among students.
- (iv) Introduction of comprehensive and continuous school based evaluation.
- (v) Providing facility of compartment examination in two subjects in class X and one subject in class XII.
- (vi) Providing three chances of compartment examination for class X and XII.
- (vii) Simplification of question papers in some of the important subjects to provide more internal choices of questions.