

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:962
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DEATH CASES IN JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of deaths taken place in the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the various regions of the country since 01.04.2005 to till date, region-wise;
- (b) Whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons for the deaths of students;
- (c) If so, the details thereof;
- (d) The steps taken by the Government to obviate recurrence of such instances in future;
- (e) Whether any assistance has been provided to the families of the children by the Government/NVS;
- (f) If so, the details thereof;
- (g) Whether any group insurance has been provided to the students studying in Navodaya Vidyalayas; and
- (h) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) The number of deaths taken place in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya region wise since 01.04.2005 till date is as under:-

S.No Name of the Region No. of deaths

1. Bhopal	03
2. Chandigarh	01
3. Hyderabad	09
4. Jaipur	01
5. Lucknow	05
6. Pune	01
7 Patna	02
8. Shillong	03
Total	25

- (b) to (d) Yes, Sir. A one-man Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri K.K.Bakshi, former Advisor

(Education), Planning Commission, Govt. of India was constituted by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) to study causes of death of the students in JNVs. Steps taken by the Samiti to obviate recurrence of such instances are as follows: -

(i) Based on a careful analysis of the circumstances, detailed guidelines for safety & security of children in JNVs have been prepared and circulated to the Vidyalayas. Implementation of these guidelines is being monitored at various levels.

(ii) Additional female staff nurse has been posted in all such JNVs where the existing staff nurse is a male.

(iii) Matrons on contract basis have been appointed in JNVs where the strength of girls exceeds 100.

(iv) A film highlighting the safety & security concerns in JNVs has been produced and CDs have been provided to all the JNVs to screen it for the students so as to sensitize them.

(v) Regular medical checkup of the students is done and comprehensive medical record of each student is maintained.

(e)&(f) Ex-gratia grant of Rs. 50,000/- each has been provided to the families in deserving cases.

(g): No, Sir.

(h): Does not arise.