

## **Regarding cases of suicide among students-laid**

**PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM):** The suicide by students studying in coaching centres is a matter of concern. In 2023, twenty-nine students committed suicide. Eighteen students in 2019, in 2022, the number was fifteen and twenty students committed suicide in 2018. The suicides were maximum among NEET preparing for medical since the competition is maximum among them. There are also suicides among engineering aspirants. Students are coming from all over India to study in these coaching centres. Average cost per year is about Rs. 1.5 lakhs. This is apart from hostel expenditure amounting to Rs. 50,000/- per year. This causes financial pressure among students who spent between Rs. 5 to 6 lakhs preparing for NEET and JEEE. The annual coaching expenditure in component Kota's economy is Rs. 10,000 crores. This has to be turned down. The parents also ought to be advised not to put pressure on the students. I want the Central Government to regulate the fees of the coaching centres and arrange counselling for the students.