

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

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SUICIDE BY DALIT STUDENTS IN PREMIER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of cases of suicide by dalit students in the premier institutes of the country including Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) during the last three years and the current year have come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, year-wise and institute-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted any special committee to check such cases/incidents;
- (d) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;
- (e) if so, the details of major recommendations of the report; and
- (f) the other corrective steps taken or to be taken by the Government to curb the recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The details of suicides committed by the students in various premier institutes in the country is not maintained centrally in the Ministry. However, following are the cases of Suicide by dalit students in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) which have come to the notice of Government:

Institute	States	2009	2010	2011
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IIT Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	1 (SC)	1 (SC)	-
IIT Kharagpur	West Bengal	2 (SC)	-	1 (ST)
IIT Madras	Tamil Nadu	-	1(SC)	-
IIT Roorkee	Uttarakhand	-	-	1 (SC)

(c) to (e): Pursuant to the decision taken in the 42nd meeting of the Council of IITs, a Task Force under the chairmanship of Prof. M. Anandakrishnan, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT-Kanpur, has been constituted for studying the causes of suicides in the IITs and other Centrally funded technical institutions through inter-acting with the students, parents, teachers and alumni and suggest remedial measures. The Task Force is holding its first meeting on 9th April 2012.

(f): While the fact finding committees appointed by the IITs till date to look into the cases of suicides have not found element of caste-based harassment or discrimination in any form, the Institutes have put in place various mechanism to see that the interest of the students belonging to weaker sections do not suffer on any account. The institutes have faculty advisors for SC/ST students who look into their problems and advise accordingly. There are student Counselors to address students' personal, academic, psychological and family related problems. Further, there are student mentors in various departments who help them in their academic and other problems by providing proper guidance and also bring to the notice of concerned authorities about their problems for timely redressal. In addition, there are Student Tutors who help them to cope up with their academic problems.