

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there has been a spurt in the incidents of suicide by students in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/being 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. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b) No such data is maintained by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), the autonomous bodies under Ministry of Human Resource Development are running the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the country. There has been no incident of suicide in KVs in the year 2013. However, during this period, the NVS has reported a total of 8 suicide cases, one each in Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and 2 in Utrakhand which are stated to be due to home sickness, adolescence-related issues, family problems, depression etc.

(c) The CBSE and School Managements have undertaken a wide range of measures to check the incidence of suicides by students. Some of these are:

- i. Engagement of services of professional counsellors/ psychiatrists to provide guidance and support to students identified as suffering from depression, abnormal behavior or any such symptom which may compel them to take any extreme step.
- ii. Introduction of the Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) at the Vidyalayas through a United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA)-sponsored scheme.
- iii. Providing constant care to the students through the House Masters and Teachers, proper observations of their behaviour.
- iv. Introduction of grading system at Secondary School Examination
- v. Implementation of a continuous and comprehensive evaluation scheme for class IX and X.
- vi. Introduction of web-based instructions throughout the year and subjects like dance, music, painting, theatre etc. to develop a harmonious personality in the students.