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

(a) whether instances of students" distress fuelled by complicated admission procedures across the universities have come to the notice of the Government;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such instances reported during each of the last three years and the current year;
(c) whether the Government plans to launch a single portal for information on admissions and deadlines across universities and colleges and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the initiative taken by the Government to streamline the admission procedure in universities ensuring that information relating to admission criteria including deadlines are available and accessible particularly to students belonging to the economically and socially weaker sections?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that no such instances have come to its notice. The UGC has framed Regulations on Establishment of Mechanism for Grievance Redressal in Higher Educational Institutions and these have been published in the Official Gazette of India on 23rd March, 2013. These regulations stipulate redressal of grievances of a person seeking admission to any Institution of Higher Education. The Regulations are available on the UGC website at www.ugc.ac.in .

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The 'Know Your College' portal at www.knowyourcollege-gov.in is being operated by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The portal provides links to the website of various Colleges in the country. The portal was launched by the President of India on 11th November, 2014 to help prospective students make informed selection of a college and the courses. It is a single stop destination for students for making an informed choice regarding which college to join and the courses to be taken up. It is a repository of information pertaining to colleges and information related to its faculty, labs, library, infrastructure and availability of hostel facilities etc. This portal covers the data of most of the colleges in the country and the data is being updated regularly. The UGC has asked the Vice Chancellors of all Universities to ensure that information relating to admission procedure, availability of seats etc. is displayed on the website of that University.
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