

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4642
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019**

Students Death in Central Institutions

4642. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of incidents of students arrest/suicide and deaths in the Central Institutions of Higher Education as well as in professional colleges across the country particularly in Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi and Aligarh Muslim University;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years including current year, year-wise/institution-wise/death/suicide separately; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to curb the serious situations in such educational institutions?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. University Grants Commission (UGC) does not maintain such type of data centrally. However, it is pertinent to mention here that the Central Universities are autonomous institutions which are governed by their own Acts and Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made there under and are competent to take all administrative decisions including to prevent all kinds of harassment and discrimination against any section of students.

However, the data provided by the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) are as under:-

| Year | JNU | | AMU | |
|------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | No. of Suicides | No. of Deaths | No. of Suicides | No. of Deaths |
| 2019 | 01 | 01 | Nil | Nil |
| 2018 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 2017 | 01 | Nil | 01 | Nil |

UGC has framed guidelines on safety of students on or off campus of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). As per these guidelines HEIs should mandatorily put in place a broad base "Students counselling system" for the effective management of problems and challenges faced by the students such as anxiety, stress etc.
