

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOKSABHA
UNSTARREDQUESTION NO.1337
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020

Students Suicides during Lockdown

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the suicides of student have increased during the lockdown, due to lack of access to digital means;
- (b) The number of student suicides in the SC, ST, OBC and EWS categories;
- (c) The number of students suicides in the age of 18-30 years after the imposition of lockdown;
- (d) If so, the reasons thereof; and
- (e) The number of students suicides, who were to appear for the NEET and JEE exams?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (e) The Government is extremely sensitive towards providing education to all sections of society during the on-going pandemic. The Ministry has undertaken an initiative, named Manodarpan, covering a wide range of activities to provide psychological support to students, teachers and families for mental health and emotional wellbeing during the Covid-19 outbreak and beyond. There is a provision of tele-counseling to address their mental health and psychological issues. NCERT has issued a detailed guideline under the document PRAGYATA which highlights important measures to be followed while using digital platforms. However, no centralized data on suicide cases are maintained by the Ministry.
