

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1303  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020

**Missing University Students**

**1303. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:**

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

- (a) the number of cases that have been registered against disappearance of students from the various Universities of India during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard and the number of students still missing in the country; and
- (d) the reasons for disappearance and details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): The University Grants Commission (UGC ) has informed that no such data is maintained centrally by it. However, 3 cases of missing students have come to the notice of UGC, one each in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Central University of Punjab and Assam University. Mr. Najeeb Ahmed of JNU, Mr. Manoranjan Sahu of Central University of Punjab and Shri Roopjoyoti Das of Assam University are missing since October, 2016, June, 2019 and May, 2017 respectively. FIRs/Missing report in respect of these students have been registered.

The Universities are autonomous bodies established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act and are competent to take action in academic and administrative matters of the University as per their own mechanism and take help from local administration, if deemed appropriate.

Further, the UGC has also framed guidelines on safety of students on and off campuses of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). These guidelines are available at [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4006064\\_Safety-of-Students-Guidelines.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4006064_Safety-of-Students-Guidelines.pdf) .