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To,

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Subject: **Provisionally admitted question for Rajya Sabha starred/unstarred diary No - S235 regarding investigate the suicides and suspected death of Students in IITs, IIMs, NITs in the country since 2014 –reg.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please refer to your email dated 31.01.2024 on the above mentioned subject. In this connection, the desired information in respect of MNNIT Allahabad is as under:

a)   Whether the government has initiated any investigation or fact finding committee to investigate the suicides and suspected death of Students in IITs, IIMs, NITs in the country since 2014 and

A Committee has been constituted by the Institute to suggest remedial measures. The suggested remedial measures are as under:

- Counselling of students.
- Engaging students in constructive activities.
- Regular Yoga Sessions for mental wellbeing.
- Regular sessions and motivational classes on stress management.

b)   if so the total number of suicide deaths and the steps taken by the government to save the life of students from poor and vulnerable backgrounds, if not the reasons therefor?

Academic Year	Number of Suicide Cases reported in the Institute
2017	Nil
2018	Nil
2019	01
2020	Nil
2021	Nil

Steps taken by the Institute to help students from Poor and vulnerable backgrounds:

- SC/ST students are provided relaxation/ concessions in admission / fee, as per GoI and Institute norms.
- Tuition fee is completely (100%) waived-off in B.Tech. and M.Tech. programme for the SC/ST category students.
- All the students including all SCs/STs get the available facilities of the hostels.
- Mess fee is same for all the students.

c) **Is it true that most of the students died were belonging to SC/ST and OBC category and from poor economic background**

No such details available. However, details of one suicide case reported in the Institute is as under:

Details of the Suicide Case	
Name	Anil Kumar, [Reg. No. 20189035]
Year of Death	2019
Age	20 Years Old
Programme of Study	B. Tech [Chemical Engineering]
Annual Family Income	Below ₹ 1 Lakh
Social Category	OBC
Place	Bijnaur, Uttar Pradesh-246761 [Rural]

d) **If so the action taken by the government in this regard**

A Committee of wardens (Boys / Girls) is constituted in the Institute to counsel the first year students. Further regular counselling of students is being conducted by Faculty In-charge counselling (Boys) and Faculty In-charge counselling (Girls).

To distress the mental tension of the students, the Student Activity Centre (SAC) in regular intervals organize motivational lectures, sports meet, cultural meet to inculcate healthy atmosphere among students.
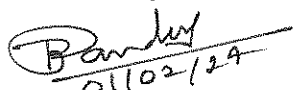
Also, a Yoga Instructor is appointed in the Institute to conduct regular yoga sessions. Institute is having a regular Yoga instructor and organizes motivational lecture, Sports meet, Cultural meet and several other programmes to reduce mental pressure of the students.

For students of the Institute a Committee of Councellors from the faculty members and students is constituted which provides counselling to the students. Further, a mentorship programme is implemented in which no. of groups from students of final year to first year are form. The Programme is monitored by Faculty-In-Charge (Boys) and Faculty-In-Charge (Girls). Further, regular counselling of students is being conducted by Faculty In-charge counselling (Boys) and Faculty In-charge counselling (Girls).

This is for your kind information, please.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

[Ramesh Pandey]
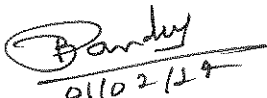Registrar (Oftg.)

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