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Student suicide

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise, year-wise and gender-wise details of total number of students who committed suicide in last five years;
- (b) the total number of psychological counselors empanelled on the Manodarpan platforms; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that while overall suicides increased by 2 per cent annually, student suicides increased by 4 per cent?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (c): National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) collects data on suicides from police recorded suicide cases. Comprehensive analysis of the data related to the accidental deaths and suicides in the country is published in the yearly Accidental Death & Suicide in India (ADSI) reports by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB). Year wise and State wise details of student suicides are available in the ADSI reports which are accessible at <https://ncrb.gov.in/accidental-deaths-suicides-in-india-year-wise.html>.

To address the issue of suicide, the Government is taking multi-pronged measures and provides psychological support to students, teachers and families for mental and emotional well-being to avoid incidences of suicide. An initiative of Ministry of Education, MANODARPAN, covers a wide range of activities to provide psychological support to students, teachers and families for mental and emotional well-being such as National toll-free helpline that has been extending guidance to callers through trained counsellor; and live interactive sessions 'Sahyog' and Webinars 'Paricharcha' that are organized regularly to create awareness about the importance of mental health among all stakeholders, students in all States/UTs. These sessions are telecast on PM e-Vidya channels and are also available on 'NCERT Official' YouTube Channel. Total 402 psychological counsellors are associated with Toll free tele-helpline (8448440632) through Manodarpan platform for providing tele-counselling services.

Moreover, education being in the concurrent list, Centre and States are equally responsible to address this issue.
