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D.O. No. 5-21/2025-PN.II

Date: 17th July, 2025

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

Please refer to my earlier D.O. letters of even number dated 05.04.2025, 05.05.2025 and 20.06.2025 regarding National Task Force constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 24.03.2025 in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 [SLP (Crl.) No. 13324/2024] concerning the prevention of student suicides in Higher Educational Institutions. The NTF is headed by Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India. The copy of letters along with the copy of judgement is again enclosed for reference.

2. The National Task Force has started deliberation on the issues as per the mandate entrusted to it by Hon'ble Supreme Court and is to submit its interim report by end of September 2025.

3. In compliance of order dated 24.03.2025, States/UTs were requested to nominate a Nodal Officer (not below the rank of Joint Secretary in the Department of Higher Education) to coordinate with the Task Force and oversee compliance with the Court's directions. Nominations are yet to be received from your State/UT. (List attached)

4. A meeting of the National Task Force with the nominated Nodal Officers of States/UTs is scheduled to be held shortly.

5. I would, therefore, request you to kindly **nominate a Nodal Officer** (not below the rank of Joint Secretary in the Department of Higher Education) and share the complete contact details with this Department by **21.07.2025**.

6. Further, I would also request you that the Higher Education Institutions in your State/UT may be directed to extend full cooperation to the Nodal Officer and **provide necessary data/information with regard to existing mechanism/initiative taken in the field of mental health and wellbeing of students and outcome of such initiatives**, as may be sought by the National Task Force, for its consideration and analysis.

7. Ms. Rina Sonowal Kouli, Joint Secretary (Email: rinasonowal.edu@nic.in and Phone No. 011-23385162 and 011-23381721) of this Department who is the Convenor of the National Task Force, may be contacted in case of any further assistance in the matter.

With regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. Vineet Joshi)

Chief Secretaries of remaining States/UTs

List of States

S.No.	State/UT
1.	Arunachal Pradesh
2.	Bihar
3.	Gujarat
4.	Haryana
5.	Karnataka
6.	Kerala
7.	Maharashtra
8.	Meghalaya
9.	Mizoram
10.	Tamil Nadu
11.	Union Territory of Lakshadweep
12.	Union Territory, Jammu & Kashmir