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

Date: 16th September, 2025

Dear Maam / Sir,

Please refer to my earlier D.O. letter of even number dated 05.04.2025 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.

2. In compliance of order dated 24.03.2025, States/UTs were requested vide D.O. letters dated 05.04.2025, 5.5.2025, 20.06.2025, 17.07.2025 and email dated 18.07.2025 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.

3. Nominations have been received from all the States/UTs. However, it has been noticed that some States/UTs have not complied with the Hon'ble Court's order and have nominated Nodal Officers below the rank of Joint Secretary in the Department of Higher Education. (list of nominations enclosed).

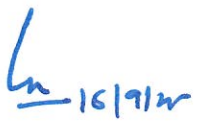
4. I would, therefore, request you once again to kindly nominate a Nodal Officer (not below the rank of Joint Secretary in the Department of Higher Education) and share the complete contact details (Name, Contact No., Email ID, Position, etc.) with this Department by 22.09.2025. This is essential to ensure timely coordination with the National Task Force and effective implementation of the Hon'ble Court's directions.

5. The matter is of utmost importance and urgency in view of the fact that the Task Force is functioning under Hon'ble Supreme Court's mandate, your prompt action will go a long way in facilitating a safer and more supportive academic environment for students.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above


(Dr. Vineet Joshi)

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs
(As per list attached)