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Dated: 04th December 2025

Dear Madam / Sir,

I would like to draw your kind attention to this Department's communications dated 05.04.2025, 05.05.2025, 20.06.2025, 17.07.2025, 30.07.2025, 13.08.2025, 23.08.2025, 25.09.2025 and 15.10.2025 in compliance with the judgment dated 24.03.2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 [SLP (Crl.) No. 13324/2024] and subsequent orders thereafter, which underscore the urgent need for comprehensive measures to address mental health concerns among students.

2. The National Task Force constituted in the matter has since commenced deliberations and launched a dedicated website/portal (<https://ntf.education.gov.in>) to gather diverse perspectives through survey questionnaires from students, parents, faculty members, mental health service providers, institutional representatives, and the general public, including alumni, NGOs, and concerned citizens.

3. I would like to draw your kind attention to the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 10.10.2025, which emphasises the necessity of timely and priority-based submission of the Institutional Survey on the NTF website by all Higher Education Institutions

4. Despite several communications and a meeting with ACS/Pr. Secretary/Secretary, Higher & Technical Education and nominated Nodal Officers of States/UTs on 27.08.2025 and 16.10.2025 to get the Institutional Survey filled up by Higher Education Institutions of their respective State/UT. The NTF has observed that the response rate from HEIs in certain States/UTs for the Institutional Survey remains significantly low (**List of HEIs which have filled up the Survey is enclosed**).

5. Given the low response rate on the website, it has been decided to extend the timeline for submission of the response. I would therefore seek your kind cooperation and request you on the following:

- I. Kindly instruct higher education Institutions (HEIs) of your State/UTs to complete the survey from AISHE login credentials. Immediately, by 15th December 2025
- II. Advised state regulatory authorities in the field of higher education for wider dissemination of websites of NTF- Mental Health and urged them to further direct HEIS to fill the survey.

6. I therefore request you to treat this matter with utmost priority and ensure that the National Task Force (NTF) Institute Surveys are submitted by 15th December 2025 positively.

With regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely

(Rina Sonowal Kouli)

ACS / Pr. Secretary / Secretary to Higher & Technical Education, All State / UT Governments

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