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Date: 5Th February, 2026

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you are aware that Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 24.03.2025 titled Amit Kumar & Ors. vs. Union of India & Ors., has constituted a National Task Force (NTF) to address Mental Health concerns of students and prevent the commission of suicides in Higher Educational Institutions under the Chairmanship of Justice (Retd.) S. Ravindra Bhat, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India.

2. NTF has submitted its Interim Report in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and taking cognizance of the issues raised and observations made by NTF in its report, Hon'ble SCI, vide its order dated 15.01.2026 (copy enclosed), has inter-alia issued a number of directions for appropriate and immediate action by all State/UT Governments, Regulatory Bodies, National Crime Records Bureau, Higher Educational Institutions, and concerned Ministries/Departments.

3. In view of the above, I would therefore request you to kindly take necessary action as per the directions issued by Hon'ble Court and furnish action taken report on the same on monthly basis for further submission to the Hon'ble Court.

4. Your support in timely implementation of Hon'ble Court's directions will be highly appreciated.

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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