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D.O. No. 5-21/2025-PN.II (Part-III)

Date: 10th August, 2026

Dear Ma'am / Sir,

As you are aware Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 24.03.2025 in the matter of 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 HEIs under the Chairmanship of Justice (Retd.) S. Ravindra Bhat, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India.

2. Vide its order dated 15.01.2026, Hon'ble Court had inter-alia issued a number of directions for appropriate and immediate action by **all State/UT Government**, Regulatory Bodies, Higher Educational Institutions and concerned Ministries/Departments. The order was circulated vide my D.O. letter of even number dated 05.02.2026 and OM dated 15.06.2026 for taking necessary action as per the court's directions.

3. Now, vide its order dated 30.07.2026, Hon'ble Court has inter-alia directed **all the Union/States/Union Territories to file compliance/action taken reports** in the following format :-

Compliance / Action Taken Report as on 29.07.2026 as per the direction passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in order dated 15.01.2026

Name of State/UT	Reporting of Student Suicide / Unnatural Death To Police Authorities	Annual Report on Suicide/ Unnatural Death to UGC and other Regulatory Bodies	24x7 Access To Qualified Medical Assistance (On Campus / Within 1 KM)	Filling of All Vacant Faculty Positions within 4 Months & Special Recruitment Drives for Reserved Posts	Filling of Key Administrative Posts within 4 Months and Annual Report Reserved Posts Filled, Vacant and its Reasons, Time Taken, etc.	Backlog of Pending Scholarship Disbursements Cleared within 4 Months. If not, Notice with Reasons within 2 Months	Compliance with UGC Regulations

4. Hon'ble Court has also directed that the compliance affidavit be filed on or before 01.09.2026. It has also been directed that once the compliance affidavits are filed by all the States/Union Territories/Union, one set of all such affidavits be provided to the learned Amicus Curiae well in advance, i.e., well before the matter is to come up on 01.09.2026.

5. In view of the above, I would request you to kindly accord priority on the matter and file affidavit in the Hon'ble Court on or before 01.09.2026 and also provide one set of such filed affidavit to the learned Amicus (Ms. Aparna Bhat, email: - aparna.bhat@gmail.com , ntf-education@gov.in & arpitaanand12@gmail.com) well before 01.09.2026, as per Court's direction.

6. Copies of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders dated 15.01.2026 and 30.07.2026 are enclosed for reference.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above


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

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