

No. 5-21/2025-PN.II (Part-III)
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
(PN.II Section)

Kartavya Bhavan-2, New Delhi
Dated: 16th September, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's Orders dated 15.01.2026 and 30.07.2026 -National Task Force constituted pursuant to Supreme Court Judgment in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 @ SLP (Crl) No. 13324/2024 titled *Amit Kumar & Ors Vs. Union of India & Ors* – reg.

Reference is invited to the constitution of the National Task Force by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide its order dated 24.03.2025 to discuss and deliberate the issues related to mental health concerns among students, prevention of commission of the suicides in educational institutions and recommend preventive measures.

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, concerned Ministries/Departments, and National Crime Records Bureau. The order was circulated vide this Department's OM dated 05.02.2026 for taking necessary action as per the court's directions.

3. Now, vide its order dated 01.09.2026, Hon'ble Court has observed that all the directions issued by the Court from time to time shall be duly complied with.

4. In view of the above, the directions issued by the Hon'ble Court vide its order dated 15.01.2026 are set out briefly below: -

Para 45 (i) Central maintenance of suicide data - The Sample Registration System (SRS) suicide data, particularly for persons aged 15–29 years, shall be centrally maintained to enable accurate estimation of student suicides in HEIs, with mechanisms developed with assistance from experts in public health and demography.

Para 45 (ii) Separate categorisation of student suicides by NCRB - NCRB shall separately categorise school-going and higher-education student suicides in its annual reports, enabling accurate assessment and analysis of trends in HEI student suicides.

5. In view of the above, it is requested to kindly take necessary action as per the directions issued by Hon'ble Court and furnish action taken report on the same for submission before the Hon'ble Court, as and when required.

6. Copies of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders dated 15.01.2026 and 01.09.2026 are enclosed for reference.

Encl: As above.

(Syed Ekram Rizwi)

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To,
Director, National Crime Records Bureau