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

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please refer to this Department's D.O. letter of even number dated 06.05.2025, which in turn referenced the OM dated 05.04.2025 concerning the 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] related to mental health of students and prevention of student suicides in Higher Educational Institutions. (copies enclosed)

2. As indicated in the said communication, the National Task Force has begun its deliberations and is to submit an interim report within four months and a final report within eight months from the date of the Supreme Court order.

3. The letter sought details regarding the initiatives taken in light of the guidelines including the National Suicide Prevention Strategy of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, UGC's Guidelines for promoting physical fitness, sports, mental health, and emotional well-being in HEIs issued on 13.04.2023 and this Ministry's Framework for emotional and mental well-being of students in HEIs issued on 10.07.2023. So far, we have received data from 19 CFIs only. (List attached).

4. Given the gravity of the matter, I kindly request your institution to provide necessary data/information with regard to existing mechanism/initiative taken in light of the above guidelines/framework, specially information related to counselling system, number of counsellors, system of third party faceless evaluation mechanism, and the outcome of such initiatives.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above


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Vice Chancellors/Heads of Central Universities and Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions

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All Bureau Heads of D/o Higher Education: With a request to follow-up with the HEIs under your administrative control to provide requisite information/data for consideration of the National Task Force.



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