

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

Shastri Bhawan New Delhi,
Dated 30th July, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order dated 28.07.2025 in the matter of Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 @ SLP (Crl) No. 13324/2024 and the subsequent National Task Force constituted by Supreme Court of India -reg.

In continuation to this Department's OM of even number dated 05.04.2025 and the addendum dated 21.07.2025 (copies enclosed) regarding National Task Force constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgement dated 24.03.2025, to discuss and deliberate the issues related to mental health concerns among students, prevention of commission of suicides in educational institutions and recommend preventive measures. The relevant portion of the signed reportable judgement dated 24.03.2025 is enclosed for reference.

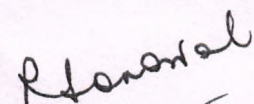
2. Reference is also drawn to D.O. letter of even no. dated 05.05.2025, wherein Higher Education Institutions were requested to provide necessary data/information with regard to existing mechanism/initiative taken for Student mental well-being and the information related to counselling system, number of counsellors, etc., and the outcome of such initiative.

3. Now, Hon'ble SCI, vide order dated 28.07.2025 (Copy enclosed) has inter-alia directed that all the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) shall appoint a senior person (either faculty or on the administrative side) as a Nodal officer who will ensure that the NTF is able to conduct its field visit without any hurdle.

4. It has also been directed that all universities will keep the data about the students admitted under various reservation quotas readily available during the visit of the NTF and they shall permit these students to interact with the NTF without any hesitation.

5. This issues with the approval of competent authority for compliance.

Encl: As above.


(Rina Sonowal Kouli)
Joint Secretary to Govt. of India

To,

1. All VCs/Directors of Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions under MoE.
2. All Higher Education Institutions through UGC
3. All Technical Institutions through AICTE
4. All INIs through respective Ministries
5. All Secretaries of Union Ministries of Government of India
6. All Chief Secretaries/ACS/Pr. Secretary of School, Higher & Technical Education

of States/UTs

7. All Nominated Nodal Officers of States/UTs
8. Chairman, Bar Council of India
9. Chairman, National Medical Commission
10. Vice Chancellor, National Institute of Educational Planning & Administration

Copy to:

All Bureau Heads of Department of Higher Education – with a request to disseminate the order among all Educational Institutions under their administrative control and request them to extend their full and active cooperation.

Copy for information to :-

1. PS to Hon'ble Education Minister
2. PS to Hon'ble MoS for Higher Education/ Hon'ble MoS for Higher Education
3. PPS to Secretary (Higher Education, Ministry of Education)
4. PPS to Secretary (School Education & Literacy, Minister of Education)
5. PPS to Joint Secretary (Higher Education)
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