

### **Incidents of suicide due to ragging**

†993. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of ragging that have come into light in higher educational institutes in the current session and during last three educational sessions and whether there is indication of constant increase in such cases;

(b) the number of students who committed suicide, in the context of part (a) due to ragging or died due to depression caused by ragging;

(c) whether Government has given compensation to the kith and kins of those students who committed suicide due to ragging or who died due to depression; and

(d) whether Government would consider to make more stringent provisions in this regard keeping in view the constant increase in number of ragging cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As no information on incidents of ragging was being maintained centrally prior to the launch of the National Anti-Ragging Helpline under the "UGC regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009" no comparison with previous academic sessions is possible. Based upon the information collected from the Anti-Ragging Helpline and other information obtained by UGC, 350 complaints have been registered, which have been forwarded to the concerned institutions. A total number of 18 complaints communicated to the institutions have been responded by the concerned institutions and accordingly closed by the helpline.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Regulations of University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) already have stringent provisions to deter and punish incidents of ragging.

### **Central University status for Sambalpur University**

994. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDA Government had taken steps to convert Sambalpur University into a Central University;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the present Government proposes to convert Sambalpur University into a Central University; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Proposals are received

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