

Suicides by female medical students in Delhi

†1315. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cases of suicide by female medical students in medical colleges of Delhi have increased during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents of suicide committed by female students during the last two years;
- (c) whether cases of suicide by female students in other medical colleges of the country have come into the knowledge of Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) This Ministry does not maintain data related to suicide committed by students studying in medical institutions across the country. However, as per information received from the medical institutions situated in Delhi, three case of suicide by female medical students have been reported during the last two years of which two are in AIIMS, Delhi and one in Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi.

In AIIMS, 'Grievance Cell' has been set up in the hostel for counselling the students and the address their problems. In addition, a faculty is deputed during weekdays for interaction with students and wardens of hostels take regular rounds of the hostels for close interaction/coordination with the students. Parents of students, who need additional help and care, are informed and encouraged to stay with the students.

To prevent similar incidents, programmes like 'Student Mentorship Programme', 'Student Counseling Programme' have also been initiated. The institutions have also organized sessions for time management and controlling stress for the students.

Implementation of NEET scheme

1316. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented NEET scheme for admission to medical colleges in the country;

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