

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
STUDENT SUICIDES DEATHS DUE TO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT .

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of reported student suicides/deaths due to corporal punishment in schools in the country during last three years, year wise; and
- (b) the steps Government has taken/proposes to take in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) There have been reports of sporadic incidents of suicide by students due to corporal punishment in schools. However, as education is a concurrent subject and a majority of schools are under the purview of the State Govt., data on number of such incidents is not centrally maintained by this Ministry.
- (b) Corporal punishment has been banned in all the schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has issued guidelines to all States/UTs as well as to the District Administrations for addressing the issue of corporal punishment in schools. As per Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009, no child shall be subjected to physical punishment or mental harassment. The Ministry has written letters to all state governments to prohibit corporal punishment in all schools under their jurisdiction. Several states have reported that they have banned corporal punishment.