

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

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**ANSWERED ON**

**EXAMINATION RELATED SUICIDE CASES BY STUDENTS AND REFORMS IN THE EXAMINATION SYSTEM .**

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

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the frequent incidents of suicide by students on the eve of or after examinations and after declaration of results;
- (b) if so, Government's information about the number and details of examination-related suicide- deaths and three years in Delhi and in the country; and
- (c) the steps, if any taken to reform the examination system in the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI)

- (a) to (c) The Government have come across occasional reports of suicide related to examinations. Details of such suicide deaths are not maintained by this Ministry. These incidents are related to a number of factors including individual personality, home environment, peer pressure and a situation in which career opportunities are very limited in relation to mounting being a major determinant of career path.
2. Implementation of the examination reforms is a continuous process. The functional steps envisaged in the National Policy on Education 1986 and reiterated in the Programme of Action 1992 include elimination of excessive elements of chance and subjectivity, de-emphasis of memorisation, continuous and comprehensive evaluation, improvement in conduct of examination, introduction of semester system from Secondary stage and use of grades in place of marks.