Directorate of School Education
21 JUL 2026
Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171001

No. EDN(SE)- H(10)-F(10)-65/2025-Misc.
Directorate of School Education
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated: - the Shimla 171001 July, 2026

To

All the Deputy Directors of School Education (Sec./Elem.)
Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: - **Compliance of directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Crl. Appeal No. 1425/2025 – Amit Kumar vs Union of India & Ors – Communication of direction under paragraph 45 of the Judgment dated 15.01.2026 and submission of compliance report-Regarding.**

Please find enclosed herewith a letter No. **EDN-HE(3)A(1)-16/2025-NTF, dated 01.07.2026**, received from the Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, on subject cited above.

In this context it is informed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by its judgment dated 15.01.2026 in Criminal Appeal no. 1425 of 2025, has issued comprehensive directions under paragraph 45 and 46 for addressing mental health concerns of students and prevention of suicides in educational institutions. By paragraph 52 of the said judgment, State Government is directed to ensure that these directions are communicated to all the educational institutions and appropriate action is required to be taken forthwith. A copy of directions under paragraph 45 and 46 is enclosed as **Annexure-I.**

It is further submitted that matter is presently pending before Hon'ble Supreme Court, with the next date of hearing fixed as 24.07.2026.

Therefore, you are directed to direct all the Heads of School Education Institutions to ensure strict and immediate compliance of the direction under paragraph 45 of the judgment passed on dated 15.01.2026 and to submit a duly filled Compliance report in the proforma enclosed as **Annexure-II** (Specially Part A, C, D, E, F and G) to this Directorate within 03 days of receipt of this circular.

This office circular is issued in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and shall be accorded highest priority by all concerned. Non-Compliance shall be the personal responsibility of the Head of the Institution and shall be viewed seriously.

Encls: As above

Director,
School Education, H. P.

Ends No:- Even dated Shimla-1 the July, 2026

Copy Forward:

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh H.P. Shimla.
2. The Director of Higher Education H.P. Shimla- for information please.
3. Nodal Officer IT Cell Directorate of School Education HP Shimla-1 to upload the same on departmental website.
4. Guard File.

Director,
School Education, H. P.

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Dated: Shimla 171001 the June, 2026

To

1. The Registrar, HPU Shimla-5
2. The Registrar, SPU Mandi, District Mandi, HP.
3. The Registrars, all the Govt./Pvt. Universities in HP
4. All the Principal(s) of Govt./Skt./Pvt. Colleges, in Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Secretary, H.P. Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission, Shimla HP.
6. The Director, Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Himachal Pradesh, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009
7. The Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training, HP.
8. The Director, Directorate of Tourism & Civil Aviation, H.P. Shimla.

Subject: **Compliance of directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Crl. Appeal No. 1425/2025 — *Amit Kumar & Ors. vs. Union of India & Ors.* — Communication of directions under paragraph 45 of the judgment dated 15.01.2026 and submission of compliance report — Regarding.**

With reference to the subject cited above the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, by its judgment dated 15.01.2026 in Crl. Appeal No. 1425/2025, has issued comprehensive directions under paragraph 45 and 46 for addressing mental health concerns of students and prevention of suicides in HEIs. By paragraph 52 of the said judgment, State Governments are directed to ensure that these directions are communicated to all HEIs and appropriate action is taken forthwith. A copy of the directions under paragraph 45 and 46 is enclosed as **Annexure-I.**

It is further brought to notice that the matter is presently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, with the next date of hearing fixed as **24.07.2026.** All Heads of Institutions are, therefore, required to ensure compliance well in time to enable submission of the consolidated report before the Hon'ble Court.

Therefore, all Heads of Higher Educational Institutions are hereby directed to ensure strict and immediate compliance of the directions under paragraph 45 of the judgment dated 15.01.2026 and to submit a duly filled Compliance Report in the proforma enclosed as **Annexure-II** to this Directorate within **03 days** of receipt of this circular.

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03/07/2026

This Office Circular is issued in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and shall be accorded highest priority by all concerned. Non-compliance shall be the personal responsibility of the Head of Institution and shall be viewed seriously.

Encl.: As below

Director of Hr. Education
Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. Even Dated: Shimla-171001 the June, 2026

Copy for information and further necessary action to: -

1. The Secretary, Education Govt. of Himachal Pradesh HP Shimla –
2. The Director of School Education HP, Shimla-1 for information and further necessary action in the matter accordingly.
3. In charge, IT Cell Directorate of Higher Education HP Shimla-1 to upload the same on department website.
4. Guard file.

Director of Hr. Education
Himachal Pradesh

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ANNEXURE-I

Directions under Paragraph 45 of the Judgment dated 15.01.2026

Crl. Appeal No. 1425/2025 — *Amit Kumar & Ors. vs. Union of India & Ors.* — Hon'ble Supreme Court of India

45. Keeping in view the recommendations of the NTF, we deem it fit to issue the following directions in exercise of our plenary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution of India:

(i) The Sample Registration System data on Suicides, especially those falling within the age group of 15-29 years, must be centrally maintained for better and more accurate estimates of Deaths by Suicide of students in HEIs. The mechanisms for obtaining and maintaining the same may be developed with the help of experts in the field of public health and demography.

(ii) The NCRB, in its annual report, must distinguish between school-going students and students of higher education in its categorization of "student suicides" in order to aid the study of the trends of student suicides in HEIs.

(iii) All HEIs must report any incident of suicide or unnatural death of a student, regardless of the location of its occurrence (i.e. on campus, hostels, PG accommodations, or otherwise outside the institutional premises), to the police authorities no sooner they come to know about the incident. This shall cover all students — irrespective of whether they are studying in the classroom, distance or online mode of learning.

(iv) An annual report of student suicides or unnatural deaths must also be submitted to the UGC and all other relevant regulatory bodies for professional courses (e.g. AICTE, NMC, DCI, BCI etc.). In case of Central Universities and Institutes of National Importance (INIs), or any HEI that does not fall within the above-mentioned framework, it must be reported to the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

(v) Every residential HEI must have access to qualified medical help round the clock, if not on campus, then within a one-km radius to provide emergency medical health support to students.

(vi) All vacant faculty positions (both teaching and non-teaching) must be filled within a period of four months, with priority given to posts reserved for candidates from marginalized and underrepresented communities including PwDs. Special recruitment drives may be held for reserved category posts.

(vii) Vacancies of Vice-Chancellor, Registrars, and other key administrative positions must be filled within four months. As a matter of practice, such posts must not remain vacant for more than one month from the date the vacancy arises, All HEIs must report annually to the State Government on the status of reserved posts — vacant, filled, reasons for non-filling and time taken.

(viii) All pending scholarship disbursements must be cleared within four months. Reasons for non-disbursal must be communicated to the HEI and the student within two months. No student shall be prevented from appearing in examinations, removed from hostels, barred from attending classes, or have mark sheets/degrees withheld due to delays in scholarship disbursal. Any such institutional policy shall be viewed strictly.

(ix) All HEIs are put to strict notice to remain fully compliant with — UGC (Curbing the Menace of Ragging in HEIs) Regulations, 2009; UGC (Promotion of Equity in HEIs) Regulations, 2012; UGC (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in HEIs) Regulations, 2016; UGC (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023, amongst others. The establishment and effective functioning of Anti-Ragging Committees/Squads, Anti-Discrimination Officers, Internal Complaints Committees and Student Grievance Redressal Committees must be strictly adhered to.

46. The NTF has also made some other pertinent recommendations and the same is reproduced as thus:

(a) Inclusion and Accessibility for Marginalised Groups (including Students with Disability and Transgender Students): HEIs shall conduct mandatory accessibility audits to ensure compliance with inclusivity standards, and shall, following such audits, strengthen accessibility measures for students and staff from marginalised groups across admission,

reservation (wherever applicable), hostel accommodation and campus facilities. Reasonable accommodation, including assistive technologies, accessible materials and exam-related adjustments, shall be guaranteed for all students with disability. Accommodation facilities, washrooms and sports facilities, etc. shall be made accessible to students with disability and gender-diverse students, and sufficient scholarships shall be ensured to be available and accessible to students from these marginalised sections.

(b) Faculty Sensitisation and Training: Training shall be mandated for faculty and administrative staff to recognise academic, financial, social and discrimination-related stressors affecting students, particularly those from disadvantaged groups, and to equip them to provide appropriate referral, support and early intervention for students in distress. Such capacity building shall also equip faculty and staff with knowledge of existing applicable legislations, regulations, policies and grievance redressal mechanisms.

(c) Campus Mental Health Services: HEIs shall ensure that students have access to student-friendly mental health support services provided by qualified professionals, while avoiding indiscriminate labelling of faculty members from diverse disciplines as "counsellors" without standardised orientation, training or supervision. Periodic, anonymised feedback mechanisms shall be established to assess student satisfaction with such services, and clear and transparent standard operating procedures shall be developed detailing measures to protect confidentiality for students seeking mental health services, including the specific circumstances (e.g., imminent suicide risk) under which the confidentiality clause may be ethically overridden.

If yes, action taken	

PART E — MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

[Para 45(v) of the directions]

16. Residential institution (Yes / No)	
17. If residential, 24×7 qualified medical help on campus or within 1 km (Yes / No)	
18. Qualified counsellor / mental health professional available (Yes / No)	
If yes, Name & Qualification	
Full-time / Part-time / On-call	

PART F — REPORTING OF STUDENT SUICIDE / UNNATURAL DEATH

[Para 45(iii) of the directions]

19. Any incident of student suicide / unnatural death in last three years (Yes / No)	
If yes, no. of incidents	
Each incident reported to police (Yes / No)	
If not reported, reason	

PART G — INCLUSION, ACCESSIBILITY & OTHER MEASURES

[Para 46 of the directions — other recommendations of the NTF]

20. Inclusion & Accessibility for Marginalised Groups	
Accessibility audit of the institution conducted (Yes / No)	
Date of audit	
Barrier-free access — ramps, accessible washrooms, hostel rooms, signage etc. (Yes / No)	
Reasonable accommodation provided to students with disability — assistive technology, accessible material, exam-related adjustments (Yes / No / N.A.)	

No. of students with disability enrolled	
No. of transgender / gender-diverse students enrolled	
Scholarships / support schemes accessible to students from marginalised sections (Yes / No)	

21. Faculty Sensitisation & Training

Faculty/staff sensitisation training conducted on student distress, referral and support (Yes / No)	
Date of last training	
No. of faculty/staff trained	
Total faculty/staff strength	

22. Campus Mental Health Services

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for mental health services/confidentiality in place (Yes / No)	
Periodic, anonymised student feedback on mental health services obtained (Yes / No)	
Persons designated as "counsellor" are qualified mental health professionals, and not merely faculty so labelled (Yes / No / N.A.)	

CERTIFICATE

Certified that the above information is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, has been verified from institutional records, and is being submitted for the purpose of compliance before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Any false or incomplete information furnished herein shall be my personal responsibility.

Signature & Seal: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Institution: _____

Date: _____

ANNEXURE-II

PROFORMA FOR COMPLIANCE REPORT

(In compliance with directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025)

PART A — INSTITUTION DETAILS

1. Name of Institution	
2. Type (Government / Private Aided / Private Unaided)	
3. Name & Designation of Head of Institution	
4. Contact No. & Email	
5. Date of receipt of this Circular	

PART B — STATUS OF STATUTORY BODIES

[Para 45(ix) of the directions]

6. Anti-Ragging Committee & Squad (UGC Regulations, 2009)

Constituted (Yes / No)	
Date of constitution	
Date of last meeting	
No. of complaints received (current year)	
Functioning effectively (Yes / No)	

7. Equal Opportunity Cell (UGC Equity Regulations, 2012)

Constituted (Yes / No)	
Date of constitution	
Date of last meeting	
Functioning effectively (Yes / No)	

8. Internal Complaints Committee (UGC POSH Regulations, 2016)

Constituted (Yes / No)	
Date of constitution	
Date of last meeting	
No. of complaints received (current year)	

Functioning effectively (Yes / No)	

9. Student Grievance Redressal Committee (UGC Regulations, 2023)	
Constituted (Yes / No)	
Date of constitution	
Date of last meeting	
No. of grievances received (current year)	
Functioning effectively (Yes / No)	

PART C — FACULTY & ADMINISTRATIVE VACANCIES

[Para 45(vi) & (vii) of the directions]

10. Teaching Posts	**Sanctioned**	**Filled**	**Vacant**	**Reserved Category Vacant**
11. Non-Teaching Posts	**Sanctioned**	**Filled**	**Vacant**	**Reserved Category Vacant**

12. Status of Head of Institution post (Regular / Officiating / Vacant since)	
13. Action taken / proposed for filling vacancies	

PART D — SCHOLARSHIP STATUS

[Para 45(viii) of the directions]

14. Any scholarship disbursement pending / delayed (Yes / No)	
If yes, no. of students affected	
Reason	
15. Any student currently debarred from exam / hostel / classes due to scholarship delay (Yes / No)	