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Title: Regarding alleged regressive question asked in CBSE exam for 10th Grade.

**SHRIMATI SONIA GANDHI (RAEBARELI):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak. I wish to draw the attention of the Government to the nation-wide outrage regarding a shockingly regressive passage in the reading comprehension section A of the grade 10 Central Board of Secondary Education Exam held on 11.12.2021.

The passage contains an atrocious statement such as, and I quote: “Women gaining independence is the main reason for a wide variety of social and family problems.” ... (*Interruptions*)

Here, I again quote: “Wives stopped obeying their husbands, and that is the main reason, children and servants are indisciplined.”

The entire passage is riddled with such condemnable ideas, and the questions that follow are equally non-sensical.

Sir, I add my voice to the concerns of students, parents, teachers, and educationists, and I raise strong objections to such blatantly misogynist material finding its way into an important examination conducted by the CBSE. It reflects extremely poorly on the standards of education and testing; and it goes against all norms and principles of a progressive and empowered society.

Sir, I urge the Ministry of Education and the CBSE to immediately withdraw this question, issue an apology, and conduct a

thorough review into this egregious lapse to ensure that this is never, never repeated again.

I also urge that the Ministry of Education must conduct a review on gender sensitivity standards of the curriculum and testing. Thank you. ... (*Interruptions*)

**HON. SPEAKER:** Shri Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy.

... (*Interruptions*)

**SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM):**The entire CBSE exam raises concerns and we are worried ... (*Interruptions*)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** श्री मगुंटा श्रीनिवासुलू रेड्डी ।

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**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** सदन की जो परंपरा रही है, उस परंपरा के अनुसार जो भी विषय उठता है, उसका सरकार जवाब देने का प्रयास करती है । प्लीज बैठ जाइये । नई परंपरा नहीं डलेगी ।

... (व्यवधान)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** श्री अनिल फिरोजिया ।

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