

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:76
ANSWERED ON:29.02.2000
GRADING SYSTEM IN CBSE EXAMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated new policy for introducing grading system for class X and Xii Board examinations being conducted by CBSE;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have studied the advantages and disadvantages of this system alongwith the infrastructure required for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there have been some protests againsts this system; and
- (f) if so, the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of the meritorious students?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOSURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.76 ASKED BY S/SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT AND SUBODH MOHITE, M.Ps ON 29.2.2000 REGARDING GRADING SYSTEM IN CBSE EXAMS.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), which is an autonomous organization currently follows a system of declaring examination results in terms of both marks and grades. The CBSE has now taken a decision, in principle, to issue subject wise grades without reference to marks in class X examination.

The use of grades in place of marks has been recommended by the National Policy on Education as one of the steps to recast the Examination System. Views have been expressed in media and in other quarters both in favour as well as against the use of Grade System. The superiority of the Grade System is supported by various research evidences in the field of evaluation. Many developed countries follow such a Grade system in school examinations. The Council of Boards of School Education (CBSE), of which all the State Boards are members, in its Annual Conference held in December, 1999 have also recommended introduction of Grading system for declaring results.

In order to implement the decision, discussions are being held by the CBSE and the NCERT with various Schools, Teaching Community, Parents Representatives, Universities and other Boards. The Grade System will not affect the meritorious students adversely since they would be placed in comparatively higher grades.