

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:359

ANSWERED ON:19.04.2005

EXAMINATION SYSTEM

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

(a) whether the Government has convened a meeting of the experts to consider amending the examination system in view of the rising stress on the students at the tenth and eleventh level examinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the monitoring committee constituted under the chairmanship of Professor Yashpal, to amend the course has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 359 FOR 19-4-2005 ASKED BY SHRI HEMLAL MURMU AND SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY REGARDING 'EXAMINATION SYSTEM'.

(a) & (b): A meeting to discuss issues related to high stress levels among students appearing for the Board and various Entrance Examinations was convened by the Ministry on 24.3.2005. Eminent Educationists, Principals of some selected Kendriya Vidyalayas and Public Schools, Representatives from premier institutions such as the Indian Institute of Technology and Indian Institute of Management, Heads of Boards of Examination and specialists in psychology and counselling participated in the meeting. Various aspects of the examination system leading to the increased level of stress among the students were discussed. The need was felt for taking a holistic view in the matter, as larger issues confronting our society were involved.

(c) to (e): As per the information furnished by the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT), in the context of the review of the National Curriculum Framework, a National Steering Group has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Professor Yashpal. The work of the National Steering Group is being facilitated by 21 National Focus Groups. One of the Focus Group is on Examination Reforms. The Focus Group has been represented by educationists and class room practitioners, representatives of several State Boards of Education and Council of Boards of Secondary Education. The Focus Group is in the process of drafting its Position Paper.