

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:35

ANSWERED ON:27.02.2007

GRADING SYSTEM

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

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided not to mention pass or fail in the report cards of those students studying in Classes VI to VIII as reported in 'The Times of India' dated January 20, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the grading system (A to E) likely to be introduced;

(d) whether the CBSE has also decided not to detain any student even if he/she scores an E grading; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY 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. 35 FOR 27.02.2007 ASKED BY SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA & SHRI KISHANBHAI V. PATEL REGARDING GRADING SYSTEM.

(a)&(b) No, Sir. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued instructions to its affiliated schools to implement Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation from Class I to Class VIII. Schools have been advised to do away with pass/fail criterion upto Class V. There is no proposal at present to do away with pass/fail criterion in classes VI to VIII.

(c) Five point grading scale has already been introduced in primary classes. CBSE has issued instructions to its affiliated schools to introduce seven point grading scale for classes VI – VIII in a phased manner from the academic session 2006-07.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.