

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONCESSIONS TO HANDICAPPED STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education has given concessions to physically handicapped students appeared in 10th and 12th examinations this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such concessions are being given to the visually – challenged students throughout the country; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. The Central Board of Secondary Education has provided the following concessions to physically handicapped students :-

- (i) Option of studying one compulsory language as against two for general candidates and option to offer other subjects in lieu of Mathematics or Science.
 - (ii) Facility of a writer in the examination, if requested for.
 - (iii) Additional time ranging from 30 minutes to sixty minutes provided to answer the question paper.
 - (iv) Separate question papers in enlarged print for visually impaired candidates.
 - (v) Alternative questions provided for the visually impaired candidates, in lieu of questions having visual inputs in Social Science and English Communicative for class X, and in History, Geography and Economics for class XII.
 - (vi) Special seating arrangement for the conduct of the examination on the ground floor as far as possible.
 - (vii) Physio-therapy exercises are considered as equivalent to physical education and health education course.
 - (viii) Answer Books of such candidates are evaluated separately.
- The above concessions are being extended to the candidates of all CBSE affiliated schools throughout the country.
- (d) : Does not arise.