

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4205

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING ADMINISTRATION

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the suggestion given in the Delhi High Court in November,2004 by National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration that no student till class -X should be failed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to pass all the students till class-X; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the modalities worked out in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): The Government is aware that National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), now National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) had filed on 29.10.2004 an affidavit with the Delhi High Court in the matter of Shri Rakesh Goyal and Others Vs. Montfort School and Others L.P.A Petition (Civil) No.196/2004. The relevant portion of the affidavit pertaining to the above subject is as under:-

"xxx at that tender age, the children should not be subjected to a rat-race and such a competitive process can be avoided only by ensuring that no student is ever failed in any class up to and inclusive of the 10th xxx".

(c) to (e): Central Board of Secondary Examination (CBSE) has introduced Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) with no pass-fail criteria upto class V and has directed the schools to extend this upto middle school level (classes from VI to VIII). Under Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, which has come into force w.e.f 1st April, 2010, no child admitted in the school shall be held back in any class or expelled from school till the completion of elementary education (from class I to Class VIII). CBSE has also introduced Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation in Class IX from October, 2009. The Grading System has also been introduced at Secondary School level (for Classes IX and X) from 2009-10 academic session.