

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT IN EDUCATION SYSTEM

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

- (a) whether the Government has revised norms for giving weightage to attendance and internal assessment to improve the present system of education;
- (b) if so, the details and the facts thereof;
- (c) whether these norms are likely to be implemented all over the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the broad guidelines drawn in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has initiated a strengthened form of school based assessment and Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in the schools affiliated to it at secondary level w.e.f. October 2009. Moreover the external examinations have been de-emphasised so that there will be no Class X Board Examination w.e.f. 2011 for students studying in CBSE's Senior Secondary schools and who do not wish to move out of the CBSE system after Class X. However, such students of Senior Secondary Schools who wish to move out of the CBSE system after Class X will be required to take CBSE's External Examination. As far as attendance is concerned, there is no change in the earlier stand in this regard and no additional weightage has been decided for attendance. As per the scheme of the Central Board of Secondary Education, the academic year has been divided into two terms. Each term will have Formative and Summative Assessments as follows:-

Term I (April-September)

Formative Assessment-1 (Weightage-10%)

Formative Assessment-2 (Weightage-10%)

Summative Assessment 1 (Weightage-20%) Formal Pen and Paper test at the end of term

Term II (October-March)

Formative Assessment-3 (Weightage-10%)

Formative Assessment-4 (Weightage-10%)

Summative Assessment 2 (Weightage-40%) Formal Pen and Paper test at the end of term.

Formative Assessment could be based on learning activities like debates, discussions, oral competitions, quizzes, recitation, extempore speeches etc. This is aimed at giving feedback to the students and teachers in improving teaching learning practices. The pen and paper tests can also be there. CBSE has already implemented these norms from October 2009 in all its affiliated schools.