

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:197
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2011
PHALGUNA SAKA COMMON SYLLABUS
Jindal Shri Naveen;Tagore Shri Manicka

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

- (a) the present status of the Government's commitment towards 'one nation, one syllabus, one exam' and 'core curriculum' concept for the 10th and 11th classes;
- (b) whether a common entrance test for all professional and non-professional colleges in quantified and non-quantified subjects is proposed to be introduced;
- (c) if so, the time by which this plan is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether various State Education Boards and other stakeholders have been consulted in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 197 ASKED BY SHRI MANICKA TAGORE AND SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL REGARDING COMMON SYLLABUS, DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.03.2011.

(a) At present there is no proposal with Government for one syllabus and one examination for the 10th and 11th classes throughout the country. Council of Boards of School Education (COBSE) has prepared core curriculum in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics at higher secondary stage, in consultation with its member Boards.

(b) and (c) A Committee headed by Prof. D. Acharya, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur was constituted to explore the possibility of having one entrance examination for all engineering programmes in the country. The Committee has suggested to create a National Testing Agency for admission to Science, Engineering and Pharmacy programmes to start with. The interim report of the Committee has been referred to another Committee headed by Dr. T. Ramasami, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology. Further, a Committee of Vice Chancellors has recommended a Common Entrance Test for admission to Central Universities in a phased manner. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) conducts All India Pre-Medical/ Pre-Dental Entrance Examination (AIPMT) for 15% merit positions for the Medical/Dental Colleges of India and also conducts All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) for various Engineering and Architectural Institutions including National Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Information Technology and other higher educational institutions of Central and State Governments.

(d) No, Sir. There has been no consultation with State Education Boards on the plan for common entrance test.

(e) Does not arise.