

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GRADING SYSTEM IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government proposes to implement grading system in all school boards across the country;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): whether it has completed the consultation with the State Governments in this regard; and
- (d): if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced a nine point grading system at secondary level for Classes IX and X from academic year 2009-10 in the schools affiliated to them. In this system, students' performance is reflected through grades. However, education being in the concurrent list of the Constitution, it is for the State Governments to take appropriate decision on introduction of grading system in State Boards.

(c) and (d): The issue of changing over from marks to grades was discussed by Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) consisting of, inter-alia, State Education Ministers, in its meeting held on 31.8.2009. CABE noted efforts of CBSE to introduce a grading system in lieu of marks for its Class X examination from next year with the objective of reducing unhealthy competition and thereby reduce stress and suggested to the States that they explore the possibility of following suit.