

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

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

- (a) whether as per the National Crime Records Bureau statistics, seven students committed suicide every day during 2010, for flunking exams;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (c) the reasons attributed for taking such extreme steps;
- (d) whether the Central Government has taken any steps in this direction; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) As per report "Accidental Death and Suicide in India" published by National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, seven suicides were committed per day due to failure in examination under different age groups during 2010.

(b) Year 2007 2008 2009 2010

No. of suicides 1976 2189 2010 2479
committed

(c) It is difficult to attribute reasons for the suicides. There can be various social, economic or personal issues which can lead to stress and anxiety amongst children leading them to take the extreme step of suicide.

(d)&(e) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has taken the following initiatives to tackle such problem effectively:

- (i) Abolition of class X Board Examination w.e.f. 2011 for the students who do not wish to move out of the CBSE system after class X,
- (ii) Grading System has been brought in at the level of IX & X,
- (iii) Providing 15 Minutes time for reading question paper during examination,
- (iv) Proper weightage to internal school based assessment,
- (v) Five chances of improvements in class X in all subjects have been provided. Also five chances of compartment in class XII examination in one subject have been provided,
- (vi) Providing counseling to students and the parents along with helpline programme before the commencement of the examination and during the declaration of results through telephone, Interactive Voice Record System (IVRS), leading news papers and online connectivity.