

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REFORMS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a need for reforms in secondary education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether modern communication technology can bring about revolution in secondary education;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Reforming of secondary education is a continuous process. During the 11th Plan, several Central Sponsored schemes including Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, Model School, Girls' Hostel, National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship and Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education were launched to make quality secondary education available, accessible and affordable to all young persons throughout the country. These schemes are being continued in 12th Five Year Plan also. Further, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced Continuous & Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) and Grading System in the year 2009 and made board examination optional for class X students to reform the examination system in the schools affiliated to CBSE.

(c) to (e) The ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Schools" was also revamped in the 11th Plan to promote computer enabled learning and usage of ICT in teaching in Government and Government aided Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools with emphasis on educationally backward blocks and areas with concentration of SC/ST/Minority/weaker Section. Under this scheme, computers alongwith accessories, consumables, internet facilities, computer teachers etc. are provided to the Schools.