

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

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OPEN BOOK EXAM  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce `open book exam system` in CBSE;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a case study based exam is also likely to be incorporated in the new system;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is not likely to increase pressure on students of class 10, class 12 and those preparing for higher education; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a)&(b):The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) proposes to introduce an Open Book Examination in Summative Assessment II of Class IX and X in March, 2014. A component of Summative Assessment II will be based on the text material supplied to the students in advance.

(c)&(d):The Open Book Examination would be implemented in the form of Open Case study-based approach in classes XI and XII. The Question Paper will have a separate section named Case Study Section which will have a set of questions based on the Case Studies related to the subject.

(e)&(f):The material for Case Studies will be communicated to the schools in advance. The CBSE would bring out guidance material for the students and parents to solve their queries and to help them in preparing for the examination. The teachers would also be trained using multiple modes. Instead of increasing pressure on students, an examination that does not require rote memorization is likely to reduce the current levels of pressure on them.