

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

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ACCREDITATION OF SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is considering to start school quality assessment and accreditation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the CBSE has made it mandatory for all schools to get themselves registered within three years of its introduction and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that the CBSE is readying a committee in which 12 private agencies and the Government would be involved in the project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): 'Yes', Madam. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has started the School Quality Assessment and Accreditation (SQAA) process after the successful completion of the pilot. It has made it mandatory for the schools affiliated to it to get themselves accredited once in every five years.

(c) and (d): On the basis of detailed eligibility, technical and experience criteria, the CBSE has empanelled twelve agencies to carry out the SQAA process. The role of the empanelled agencies is purely advisory. The reports will be submitted by the agencies to the CBSE which is the final authority for granting accreditation to schools.