

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:517
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2015
OPEN TEXT BASED ASSESSMENT
Kumar Shri P.

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

- (a) the present system of conducting examinations for 12th standard class in the country;
- (b) whether the Government/Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) proposes to introduce Open Text Based Assessment (OTBA) system in schools at the 12th standard level across the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted any expert committee to examine the issue comprehensively with all its ramifications and implications and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has consulted all stakeholders in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government has also conducted any study to assess the likely impact of such exam on the students and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 517 FOR ANSWER ON 29.04.2015 REGARDING "Open Text Based Assessment" ASKED BY SHRI P. Kumar, HON'BLEMEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

(a) to (e) : Education, being a subject in the concurrent List of the Constitution, and the majority of schools being under the jurisdiction of the State Governments, it is for the respective State/UT Governments and respective State Education Boards to determine system of conducting examinations for 12th standard in the States. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) being a National Board, presently, has no such proposal for introduction of Open Test Based Assessment (OTBA) system in schools at 12th standard in its affiliated schools. CBSE had constituted an expert committee on 12.10.2012. CBSE on the recommendations of the Expert Committee introduced Open Text Based Assessment (OTBA) in Summative Assessment II of Class IX (in the subjects Hindi, English, Mathematics, Science Social Science) and final examination of Class XI (in the subjects Economics, Biology and Geography) from March, 2014 in which a component (15-20%) was based on the open text based assessment material supplied to students in advance. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) Position paper on Examination Reforms recommends introduction of Open Book Examination. No impact study has conducted so far. Schools conduct examination in classes IX and XI.