

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

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UNFAIR PRACTICES BY PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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

(a) whether the Government has received reports of unfair practices adopted by private schools like charging capitation fees, refusing to admit children or making false claims through misleading advertisements etc.;

(b) if so, the details of cases so noticed, State-wise;

(c) the punitive action taken against such schools during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government proposes to introduce the legislation in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The Central board of Secondary Education (CBSE) does receive sporadic complaints against its affiliated schools regarding charging of capitation fees, refusing to admit children and making false claims through misleading advertisements. The Board has received 33 complaints during the last three years. The State-wise numbers of such complaints are given below:-

Year	State	No. of Complaints
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2012	Kerala	06
	Uttar Pradesh	05
	Haryana	01
	Andhra Pradesh (Erstwhile)	03
	Karnataka	01

Year	State	No. of Complaints
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2013	Chattisgarh	01
	Assam	01
2014	Madhya Pradesh	01
	Rajasthan	01
	Haryana	03
	Punjab	01
	Tamil Nadu	02
	Andhra Pradesh	06
	(Erstwhile)	
	West Bengal	01

(c): On receipt of a complaint, concerned school is asked for clarification. Further, if reply along with supportive documents is not found satisfactory, the school is served with Show Cause Notice. In cases of grave violation of Affiliation Bye-Laws, the concerned school is considered for disaffiliation. For minor violations warning letters are issued. No school was disaffiliated during the last three years.

(d) and (e): The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), is the highest advisory body to advise the Central and State Governments in the field of education. The CABE in its meeting held on 07th June, 2011, constituted a Committee, to formulate the draft legislation to prohibit unfair practices in school education sector. The Committee has formulated a draft legislation for inputs from stakeholders including the State Governments. Presently, No timeline has been specified for introduction of legislation.