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

- (a) whether there has been an increasing trend in the cases of suicides by school students due to exam related stress in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the measures taken or being considered to prevent such cases;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to change the pattern of examinations and curriculum; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): School Education being primarily in the domain of the State Governments, every State Government has its own regulatory frame work which governs school education in the State. No such centralized data are maintained by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) being an All India Secondary Education Board has come across sporadic reports in the media of suicides committed by the students. Such data is also not maintained by the Central Board of Secondary Education.

(d) to (f): The following steps have been taken by the CBSE to deal with the tension and depression experienced by some school students:

(i) No class X Board Examination w.e.f. 2011 for students studying in CBSE Senior Secondary Schools and who do not wish to move out of the CBSE system after class X. (ii) The Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) has been introduced in its strengthened form in all affiliated schools with effect from October, 2009 in Class IX. It has been extended to class X from April, 2010. (iii) Grading system has been introduced at Secondary School level (for Classes IX & X) effective from Academic Session 2009-2010. (iv) 15 minutes of additional time has been given to the students to read the Question Paper before they begin to write the Answers. (v) Appointment of full-time counselor in schools. (vi) Availability of counseling services in schools. (vii) Web-based interaction with CBSE throughout the year. (viii) Introduction of subjects like Music, Dance, Painting, Theatre etc. for the development of harmonious personality in the students.