

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 866  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018**

**Leakage of Board Papers**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of leak of question papers of Class X and XII board which were recently held and if so, the details thereof along with the subject in which the re-examination was held;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in the matter and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE) has formulated any exam reforms to avoid leak of question paper and if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government for smooth and leak proof conduct of board examination from the coming year;
- (d) whether the Government has constituted any panel to review all aspects related to security checks for conducting transportation of question papers to examination halls and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is aware of reported errors in valuation of CBSE papers and if so, whether the Government has sought any report from CBSE in the matter; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
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(a): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed that the leakage of only two papers, i.e., Economics of Class XII and Mathematics of Class X could be confirmed. Re-examination of Economics for Class XII was held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. It was, however, decided not to hold a re-test for the Class X Mathematics keeping in mind the paramount interest of students as the Class X examination is essentially a gateway for class XI, it thus, remains largely an internal segment of school education system.

(b): CBSE through Regional Director, Delhi Region lodged six complaints with Delhi Police to investigate the matter and find out the culprits who compromised the sanctity of examinations and the credibility of the Board. The Delhi Police formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the matter. The Delhi Police has informed the Board that a Centre Superintendent of an exam centre in Una, Himachal Pradesh, his two accomplices as well as the Bank Officer of the Custodian Bank were arrested for leaking the class X Maths and class XII Economics paper. Similarly, the Principal and two teachers of Mother Khazani Convent School in Delhi along with the owner of Easy coaching Institute were arrested in Delhi for leaking the class X Maths paper. The CBSE has disaffiliated the schools concerned for compromising with the sanctity of the examination.

(c): The Board is employing various options to reduce manual intervention in the exam system to make it more robust. As a backup option, it has decided to send encrypted question papers to the examination centres with option of multiple sets. Detailed standard operating procedure has been developed by the Board and Mock drills were conducted in the Centres. The same has been successfully implemented in the ongoing compartment examinations on July, 2018 for select subjects. Norms for centre fixation and custodian identification have been made more stringent and every centre has been assigned external observers to monitor the affairs of examination for all the days of examination.

(d): The Government of India constituted a High-Powered Committee (HPC) to examine the entire system of conducting Class X and Class XII examinations conducted by CBSE. The Committee has recently submitted its report.

(e)&(f): As the Evaluation is a manual activity, at times, totaling and posting mistakes occur in the process of marking by teachers. In order to address any discrepancy in such cases, CBSE has a Three Tier Systems to address such mistakes, in this regard, a detailed notice was released by the Board on 31.05.2008.

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