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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1187 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2019

Question Papers Leak

1187. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether it is also true that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) had to face major embarassment after class XII Economics and Class X Mathematics Question papers leaked in March last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the preventive measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to check paper leak ?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) and (b): 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 25th 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.

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): CBSE has taken following measures to check paper leak:
 - CBSE is taking the help of Information Communications Technology (ICT).
 - Centre Superintendent will be appointed from other schools at the self-centre.
 - Deputy Centre Superintendent will be appointed at each centre irrespective of number of candidates.
 - Observers will be appointed at each centre.
 - Board's officials will also be deputed in sensitive cities and centres.
 - No communicative devices will be allowed inside examination centre.
 - Last entry to the Examination Centre will be by 10.00 A.M only.
 - Candidates will go in school uniform to appear in examinations.
