

- Provision of 15 minutes of additional time in Class X and XII examinations to enable students to read question papers thoroughly;
- Making available sample question papers;
- Designing question papers so that all the questions can be answered in 2½ hours even though the total period of examination is 3 hours;
- Shift from content based testing to problem solving and competency based testing;
- Higher weightage to practicals;
- Introduction of Mathematics labs to improve conceptual understanding;
- Providing counseling services to both students and parents through telephone, and also online;
- Allowing students to appear in compartmental examination immediately after declaration of the result of the main examination. Five chance are given in two subjects in class X and one subject in class XII.
- Setting up of examination help-line.

The Ministry has not conducted any specific study on the stress level of students. However, the National Curriculum Framework, 2005 suggests several measures to reduce stress level among students.

Spending on social security

*452. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government spends Rs. 139 per person per month on social security;
- (b) if so, whether Government intends to increase this to a reasonable level for real social security; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) It is not possible to accurately ascertain social security expenditure per person as it may have different components under Central and State Governments and in accordance with the purpose being served. Moreover, people belonging to different sections of society have different levels of need for social security. Hence, all of them cannot be clubbed together. However, as per the data on expenditures of Centre and States combined on social services available from Reserve Bank of India, total combined expenditure of Central and State Governments on Social services in 2008-09 (BE) was Rs. 257 per month per person roughly. Social services include, education; sports; art and culture; medical and public health; family welfare; water supply and sanitation; housing; urban development; welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs; labour and labour welfare; social security and welfare; nutrition, relief on account of natural calamities etc.

(b) and (c) Government is fully committed to inclusive growth and is making all efforts to provide sufficient funds for social security, especially for the disadvantaged sections of the society. Total combined expenditure of Central and State Governments on social services in 2008-09 (BE) was 6.72 per cent of GDP at current market prices a compared to 5.57 percent in 2003-04.

Performance of Air India

*453. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how does Air India (AI) compare, for on-time departure and arrival during the last one year, with other domestic and international airlines; and

(b) whether Government plans to take any specific step to improve upon AI's performance in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):

(a) The details of on-time performance in departures and arrival during the year 2008 in respect of scheduled domestic airlines are as under :—

Name of Airlines	On Time Performance %	
	Departure	Arrival
NACIL (I) and Alliance Air	69.6	—
Jet Airways	75.3	53.5
JetLite	56.4	—
Kingfisher Airlines	82.5	—
Spicejet	80.2	—
Go Air	77.0	65.0
Paramount Airways	87.7	82.3
IndiGo	81.0	71.5

NACIL(I), JetLite, Kingfisher Airlines and Spicejet do not maintain on time arrival data.

On-time performance data of international airlines is not maintained.

(b) DGCA has issued a circular to institutionalize a mechanism at major metro airports wherein a team comprising representatives of airports Authority of India, the airport operator and airlines are working on a daily basis to analyze on-time performance in respect of flights operated the previous day. Further, to improve the On Time Performance, Air India is also in the process of setting up a centralized Operations Control Centre (OCC) and two Hub Control Centres (HCC) at Mumbai and Delhi Airports. The OCC and HCC will be supported with modern IT systems and communication systems to enhance the operational control and efficiency of the airline. This will improve the On Time Performance on Air India network.