

Education in secondary schools at International standards

1001. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) whether Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to raise the secondary education standard in India to international standards;

(b) if so, the steps which have been taken and are being taken to raise the education standards imparted by the secondary schools in the country to International Baccalaureate (IB) level; and

(c) whether two types of school-syllabus are to be introduced for the purpose and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has its affiliated schools in 21 foreign countries and has taken the following steps to further raise its education standards:—

- (i) There will be no Class X Board examination *w.e.f.* 2011 for students studying in higher secondary schools affiliated to CBSE and who do not wish to move out of the CBSE system after Class X, The students studying in the schools which do not have higher secondary classes, will however, be required to appear in a Board examination.
- (ii) The Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) has been strengthened in all affiliated schools of CBSE for Class IX students from the session 2009-10.
- (iii) Grading System has been introduced for CBSE Class X Board Examination, 2010, and for Class IX students for continuous and comprehensive evaluation from the session 2009-10.

Collapse of online entrance test of IGNOU

1002. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first experiment of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for an online entrance test for engineering aptitude scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2009 collapsed;

(b) if so, the outcome of the investigation into the collapse of the online test; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to rectify the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the information provided by Indira