

- (vi) At the secondary examination, spastic candidates and candidates with visual and hearing impairment have the option of studying one compulsory language as against two. Also options are provided in lieu of Mathematics. Besides one language, any four of the following subjects are offered:

"Mathematics, Science & Technology, Social Science, another language, Music, Painting, Home Science and Introductory Information Technology".

- (vii) Separate question papers in enlarged print for visually impaired candidates are provided in Mathematics and Science & Technology at Class X level.
- (viii) Alternative questions in lieu of questions having visual input are being provided in History, Geography and Economics for class XII and in Mathematics, Science & Technology, Social Science and English Communicative for class X for the visually impaired candidates.
- (ix) Special examination centre are created to facilitate the handicapped students.

The above concessions are being extended to the candidates of all CBSE affiliated schools throughout the country.

- (d) Does not arise.

Student-class ratio under DPEP

2170. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the average student-class ratio for schools covered under District Primary Education Programme has come down;
- (b) if so, the comparative figures for the last five years; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The comparative figures for the last 5 years are enclosed as Annexure-I.

- (c) Dose not arise.