

CABE has endorsed the need for a core curriculum in Science and Mathematics at Secondary and Higher Secondary levels across all Education Boards in the country, so as to provide a level playing field to all students to join professional course. In a meeting of the Council of Boards of Secondary Education (COBSE) on 16th February, 2010, 21 Boards unanimously decided to adopt core curriculum in Science and Mathematics at Senior Secondary level. Accordingly, NCERT has developed core syllabi in Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics at Higher Secondary stage in collaboration with COBSE and Central Board of Secondary Education.

#### **Scholarships upto secondary level**

†3346. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA:

SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the amount of State scholarship upto secondary level is very low;
- (b) if so, whether Central Government is proposing to increase it; and
- (c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched a centrally sponsored National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme in 2008-09 for providing scholarships @ Rs.500 per month to 1 lakh new students from class IX every year which are continued upto class XII and there is no proposal at present to increase the scholarship amount.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes viz. Pre-Matric Scholarship and Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for students belonging to the minority communities and have revised rates of maintenance allowances under Post-Matric Scholarship *w.e.f.* 01.04.2011. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students which has been revised *w.e.f.* 01.07.2010. Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes for studies in India and Pre-Matric Scholarship for the children of those engaged in unclean occupations are centrally sponsored schemes implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and have been revised from 01.04.2008.

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