Reintroduction of board exams for Class-X

1178. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rationale behind the proposal to re-introduce board exams for class ten students;

(b) whether Government has constituted any committee to look into the implications of the proposal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have plans to set up counseling centres to allay fears among the students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) Currently, Ministry of Human Resource Development have no fructified proposal to re-introduce board exams for class ten of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). However, CBSE reviews the curriculum for updation from time to time.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

Online courses under SWAYAM

1179. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the plan for formation of consortium of premier institutions and universities to offer flipped online courses under SWAYAM;

(b) whether any progress has taken place in the above programme in terms of collaborations and content creation;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the detailed timeline, budget and implementation roadmap for the programme; and

(e) whether due steps are being taken to make it accessible to village and semi-urban areas with poor internet connectivity?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) Sir, presently there is no such plan.

(b) to (d) As far as content creation is concerned, under the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT), more than 810 web and video courses in various disciplines in engineering and science are available on-line through National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL). E-content for 8 undergraduate subjects has also been generated by the Consortium of Educational Communication (CEC) in collaboration with its Media Centers. Over 126 Virtual Labs in 9 Engineering and Science disciplines, comprising more than 770 experiments are currently ready for use and available. 1500 Spoken Tutorials are available on line. Further large number of courses for design have also been created.

(e)   The Ministry has no role regarding internet connectivity in villages and semi-urban areas.

Publication of a series on martyrs

1180. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Government/NCERT proposes to publish a series on martyrs;

(b)   if so, the details thereof and the objectives thereof;

(c)   whether Government has consulted/sought suggestions from the State Governments in this regard;

(d)   if so, the details thereof; and

(e)   the present status of the proposal?

THE   MINISTER   OF   HUMAN   RESOURCE   DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (e) It was decided in the General Council of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) meeting held on 03.02.2015 that NCERT will publish a book (VEER GATHA) on the stories of war heroes in consultation with the Ministry of Defence and State Governments.

Exam centric system of education

†1181. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   whether education system in the country is exam-centric and lacks in focus on skill development;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.