

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 827  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018**

**Reforms by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)**

**827. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:  
SHRI G. HARI:  
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has submitted suggestions to the NCERT for the rationalization of the curriculum and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if so, whether any suggestions/ complaints have been received from the parents and students in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has sought consultation with stakeholders in order to decide on the process of reduction of syllabus;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted to assess the immediate impact of the decision in terms of factors affecting the core competency of students and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the CBSE proposes a major revamp in its laws relating to examinations, standardization of question papers and affiliations by laws to make it faster and easier and letting special need students take exams in their own schools; and
- (f) whether it is a fact that CBSE Governing body meeting has discussed and approved such reforms and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

- (a) to (c): Suggestions were invited from teachers, students, parents and other stakeholders on reduction of curriculum load through the website of the Ministry of

Human Resource Development (MHRD) during March-April, 2018. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) facilitated the process of gathering the suggestions/feedback to rationalize the curriculum by providing hyperlink at its website to link the hypertext at MHRD website to submit the suggestions. The Board also convened meetings of experts for compiling suggestions on rationalization of syllabi in various major subjects in classes IX-XII. Suggestions worked out in these meetings have been shared by the Board with National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). NCERT have also directly received suggestions from many students, teachers, parents and others including professionals for the rationalization of curriculum.

(d): No such study has so far been conducted.

(e) & (f): CBSE has informed that its Governing Body, in its meeting held on 28.06.2018, has taken the following decisions:-

1. Approved the recommendations of the Affiliation Committee for revised Affiliation Bye-laws, which propose simplification of process to bring the transparency and enable hassle – free online processing of applications for affiliation with Board.
2. Approved the recommendations of Examination Committee for granting additional concessions to Children with Special Need (CWSN) Candidates such as use of computer in writing the examination, provision of reader, use of calculator and relaxation in mandatory attendance.
3. Approved the recommendations of Examination Committee to consider repealing separate passing criteria in Internal Assessment and Board examination for Class X students of 2018 Board examination, precautionary measures for self centres, online monitoring on CBSE website, separate special examination on alternative dates for candidates representing country in International tournaments and changes in evaluation modalities for class X and class XII examination.

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