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LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 449
ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023

Competency-based Questions in CBSE Board Examinations

***449. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Central Board of Secondary Education has been introducing competency-based questions in Classes 10 and 12 Board Examinations to reform the pattern;
- (b) whether it is also true that at least 40 per cent of questions in the CBSE Class 10 Exams and 30 per cent in Class 12 Exams in 2023 will be competency-based;
- (c) whether it is also true that these questions will comprise multiple formats such as objective type, constructing response type, assertion and reasoning and case-based; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 449 FOR ANSWER ON 03.04.2023 ASKED BY HON'BLE M.P. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN REGARDING COMPETENCY-BASED QUESTIONS IN CBSE BOARD EXAMINATIONS.

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has been progressively introducing competency-focused questions in Classes 10 and 12 Board Examinations since 2020 to test students' understanding, conceptual clarity and analytical ability, rather than their ability to memorize and reproduce information.

In the Academic Session 2022-23, approximately 40 per cent of questions in class X Board examinations and approximately 30 per cent of questions in class XII have been competency focused. These questions include objective type questions, including multiple choice questions, constructive type questions and diverse formats of questions such as assertion/ reasoning questions and case-based questions.
