

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3662
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020

Mental Health of Students

3662. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is measuring mental illness through IQ levels of students and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the progress made for Tenth and Twelfth class students in this regard?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) & (b): Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, vide Gazette Notification dated 05.01.2018 has issued guidelines for evaluation procedure for certification of various specified disabilities, including Mental Illness in a person under The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. As per the notification, Mental Illness is measured in the following four levels:

- (i) Mild Mental Disabilities : The IQ is in the range of 50 to 69.
- (ii) Moderate Mental Disability: The IQ is in the range of 35 to 49.
- (iii) Severe Mental Disability : The IQ is in the range of 20 to 34.
- (iv) Profound Mental Disability : The IQ in this category estimated to be under 20.

Based on these guidelines, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued a circular dated 14.02.2020 for the purpose of facilitation in examinations for its PwD (Persons with Disabilities) candidates.
