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Special CBSE Examination Schedule for Ladakh

5826. Shri Mohmad Haneefa:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Board Examinations conducted during February-March coincide with the peak winter season in the UT of Ladakh, when heavy snowfall often disrupts road connectivity and normal movement, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any representations highlighting the situation of students from remote and avalanche-prone areas who are compelled to travel long distances in hazardous weather conditions to reach examination centres and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government will consider requesting the CBSE to introduce a special or alternative examination schedule/mechanism for Ladakh, keeping in view the extreme climatic conditions of the region, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure safe access to examinations and uninterrupted academic assessment for students in such high- altitude and weather-vulnerable areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Board Examinations for Class X and XII for approximately 44 lakh students are conducted in the month of February/March/April across India and in 26 countries abroad simultaneously.

Examination Centres in Ladakh are fixed as per recommendations of Directorate of School Education, Ladakh to avoid hardships of travelling long distance to students.

In order to facilitate students of winter-bound schools, the Board conducts their practical examinations in the month of November/December when the other schools across the country have practical examinations in the month of January/February.

With regard to the fixation of examination centres, the centres are finalized based on the recommendations of the Directorate of School Education, Ladakh, taking into account factors such as distance, hilly terrain and other logistical challenges to minimize hardship for students.

In 2026 the Two Board Policy for Class X has been implemented whereby students will get an opportunity to appear in the Second Board Examination in May, 2026 as per declared policy. The Supplementary Examination for Class XII will be conducted in July, 2026.
