

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.58
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016

Zero Period in Schools

†58. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

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

- (a) whether zero period is in practice in the schools and if so, whether it is beneficial for students as well as teachers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy regarding zero period and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether this period can be provided on weekly basis in the schools and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) – 2005, which guides schools on the issue of time management in school, does not prescribe Zero Period. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), in its curriculum document, has suggested a time table of 8 periods per day for the schools affiliated to it. The Board also does not mention the concept of Zero Period in any of its documents. Education, being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, and the majority of schools being under the jurisdiction of the State Governments, it is for the respective States/ Union Territories to regulate the time table in their schools keeping in view the National Curriculum Framework.

(c) & (d) There is no such proposal at present.
