

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**TENDENCY TO COMMIT SUICIDE AMONG STUDENTS .**

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

- (a) whether there has been much increase in the tendency to commit suicide among students of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) during last few days due to getting low marks in the examinations;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases which have come to Government's notice during last session;
- (c) the reasons behind these and whether Government has tried to find them out; and
- (d) whether Government has found out any solution so that these incidents may not occur again?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) : Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is an examination body and doesn't maintain such details. However CBSE is aware of 2 such cases reported in April, 2010 in news papers.

(b) : On the basis of media reports, CBSE is aware of 6 such cases during the period from April, 2009 to March, 2010.

(c) : There could be various socio-economic & cultural factors, depression and parental pressure, etc. in addition to poor performance in examinations.

(d) : CBSE has taken the following measures to reduce the examinations related stress among students:-

- There will be no class X Board Examination w.e.f. 2011 for students studying in CBSE Senior Secondary Schools and who do not wish to move out of the CBSE system after class X.
- The Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) has been introduced in its strengthened form in all affiliated schools with effect from October, 2009 in Class IX. It has been extended to class X from April, 2010.
- Grading system has been introduced at Secondary School level

(for Classes IX & X) effective from 2009-10 academic session.

- Provision of 15 minutes of additional time in class X and class XII examinations to enable students to read question paper thoroughly.
- Designing question papers so that all the questions can be finished comfortably within 3 hours.
- More internal choices of questions have been given and the number of questions has been reduced to make the students comfortable in respect of time and speed.
- Proper weightage to internal school based assessment based on project work and assignments in important subjects like Mathematics, Social Science and Science has been given.
- Sample question papers, marking schemes and blue print of the question papers have been published to familiarize teachers and students about the nature of questions and question papers.
- Five chances of improvements in class X in all subjects are provided. Also five chances of compartment in class XII examination in one subject are provided.
- Testing is more on problem solving & competency rather than on content..
- Opportunity of continuous web based interaction with CBSE throughout the year has been provided.
- Providing counseling services to students & parents through telephone, and on line.