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Limiting the no-detention policy

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There is a request from Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to limit the no-detention policy up to class III. Some States, namely, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Tripura have requested to review the no-detention policy during the meetings of Sub- committee of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), which was constituted with the objective to assess the implementation of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in the context of no- detention provision of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

Section 30 (1) of the RTE Act, provides that no child shall be required to pass any Board examination till completion of elementary education, i.e. upto class VIII. On comparison of the results of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and other State Boards' for class X and class XII for the years 2009, 2012 and 2013, it is noticed that the pass percentage has increased in respect of most of the States. Similarly, the pass percentage of students of CBSE for class XII continue to remain high.

This information was given by Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha Question today.

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