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**INTRODUCTION OF ANNUAL EXAMINATION FOR CLASS V AND VIII**

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The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducts periodic national surveys of learning achievement of children in classes – III, V, VIII and X which indicates that there is a need for significant improvement in learning levels. The learning level of children depend upon several factors including socio-economic, socio-geographic and educational background of the students, availability of basic infrastructure/amenities in schools, availability of trained and competent teachers in the schools and so on.

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, which came into force on 1, April 2010, provides free and compulsory education for the children at elementary level, in the age group of 6-14 years. Section 29 of the RTE, Act 2009 stipulates that there should be Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) of every child to assess their learning levels and provide additional instruction accordingly. Under the CCE framework, schools and respective Governments are free to conduct periodic examinations for children of all levels.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Shri Upendra Kushwaha today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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