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The Chairman
Central Board of Secondary Education
Shiksha Kendra, 2, Community Centre,
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Sub: Result CBSE Class X 2021: Issuance of 'Pass' certificate sans marks Vs detailed marks certificate.

Sir,

Our association, representing CBSE affiliated schools of Punjab, acknowledges that the result computing Policy Document issued by the CBSE constitutes a sincere effort at helping the schools calculate and tabulate the marks scored by 10th class Board students in their tests. A set of well-defined instructions and parameters have been provided therein to bring about uniformity and creditability to thus computed result. The effort indeed is laudable being the outcome of understandably long and numerous deliberation sessions.

We on our part will lack in reciprocating sincerity if we do not share with the Board our knowledge and experiences about the outcome of the tests conducted at the school level during the COVID period. Though the schools were putting in their best efforts to hold all the CBSE stipulated tests yet the needful could not be accomplished in the right spirit because of the rampant uncertainty and confusion prevailing at all levels everywhere. Obviously the outcome of such tests, majority of which were conducted online, has remained dubious because the students could take liberties at will and the schools had no means to discipline them. In such free-for-all situation the marks obtained by students were not found to be on expected lines being not in consonance with the marks obtained in the physical tests by the same set of students in classes 8th and 9th.

Efforts were indeed made to hold tests physically whenever some respite from lock-downs became available so that the real picture could emerge of the state of students' preparedness but the attendance of students in such tests remained abysmally low. So paralyzing was the scare of COVID that doting parents could not be persuaded to co-operate with the school. In such helplessness the schools had no choice but to fall back on the result, which one must own, cannot be amenable to the discipline

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imposed by the three parameters judiciously set by the Board for preparing the result.

In the circumstances judicious decision on the part of the CBSE should be against trying to forcibly lend credence to a result obtained by the schools through dubious means.

The august CBSE, which is considered epitome of virtues and is credited with highly valued policy decisions, especially in crisis situations, should not mire its proverbially clean hands by affixing its prestigious seal on the result score, the veracity of which even the schools themselves are not certain about, being not in control of the situations prevailing during the pandemic turmoil.

Under the circumstances suggestion is to accept the stark reality of prevalence of complete chaos in the internal assessment domain in schools pan India and make some provisions to issue simple 'PASS' certificates, sans the detailed marks, to affected students as a one-time relief to bail them out of the most unprecedented precarious situation created by CORONA pandemic. The fact is that the absence of detailed marks will not make any tangible difference at 10th Class level at any stage in their life throughout. These marks at the most are relevant to admissions in Class XI in the schools of their choice, which they will get because all the students have the same certificates in their hands.

As far as the admission to any certificate/diploma course is concerned these are usually done on the basis of test result conducted for the course concerned.

With respectful regards

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