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**In interest of large number of students, conduct of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Board Examinations  
exempted from Lockdown Measures: Shri Amit Shah**

**Different Boards to stagger their Examination Schedules; Adherence to Health/Hygiene  
protocols mandatory**

**New Delhi, May 20, 2020**

Taking into consideration the academic interest of large number of students, it has been decided to grant exemption to conduct Board Examinations for Classes 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from the lockdown measures, tweeted Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah.

As opening of schools had been prohibited under the guidelines on lockdown measures, the annual board examinations being conducted by State Education Boards/ CBSE/ ICSE etc. for classes 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> had been suspended. Requests were received from State Governments and CBSE for conducting the Board examinations.

Considering this the Union Ministry for Home Affairs (MHA) has written to all States/UTs detailing the conditions to be followed for conducting the examinations. These are:

- In Containment zones, no examination centre would be permitted.
- Wearing of face masks by teachers, staff and students would be mandatory.
- There should be provision of thermal screening and sanitizer at the centres and social distancing in all the examination centres.
- In view of examination to be conducted by different Boards, their examination schedules should be staggered.
- Special buses may be arranged by the States and UTs for transportation of the students to the examination centres.

**To see the Official Communication**↓

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Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware, under the guidelines on lockdown measures, opening of schools has been prohibited. As a result annual board examinations being conducted by State Education Boards/ CBSE/ ICSE etc. for classes 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> have been suspended.

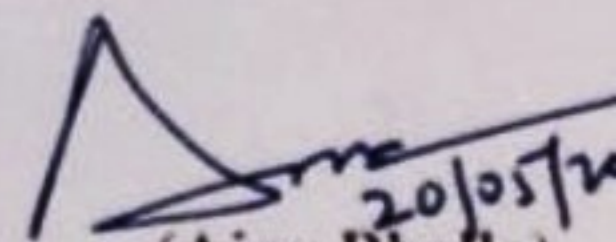
2. Requests have been received from the State Governments and CBSE for conducting the Board examinations and the matter has been examined in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Taking into consideration the academic interest of large number of students, it has been decided to grant exemption from the lockdown measures to conduct Board Examinations for Classes 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

3. However the exemption to conduct Board Examinations will be subject to the following conditions:

- a) In the Containment Zone, no examination centre will be permitted.
- b) Wearing of face masks by teachers, staff and students will be mandatory.
- c) There shall be provision of thermal screening and sanitizer at the centres and social distancing in all the examination centres.
- d) In view of examination to be conducted by different Boards, their examination schedules should be staggered.
- e) Special buses may be arranged by the States and UTs for transportation of the students to the examination centres.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Ajay Bhalla)  
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**Chief Secretaries of All States**  
(As per Standard List attached)