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To all the Head of the Institutions Affiliated to CBSE

Sub: Admission to Class XI - Coercion to change subjects

Dear Principal,

As you may be aware, many schools follow the practice of starting class XI along with other classes in the month of April in the new academic session to utilize the period before summer vacation for instructional purposes. Academically, this seems to be correct practice so that the children may remain busy with meaningful activities. So the schools admit students of class XI provisionally before the announcement of the results of class X Board examination and accordingly allow them the subjects choice/stream as per their performance in pre-boards and unit tests.

It has come to the notice of the Board that some schools resort to the unpsychological practice of forcing students to change their subjects/streams in class XI after the class X results are announced. Students are often forced to change from Science subjects to Commerce or Humanities subjects.

Once the students get admision to class XI with a particular combination of subjects, they buy the text books and start attending the classes for nearly a month. A forced change of subjects later demoralizes the students, causing mental and emotional stress. Further, parents are compelled to take on the additional burden of buying a second set of books for the newly allotted subjects.

It is an unhealthy and unfair practice and it has to be discouraged. Hence schools are instructed not to force the students to change their subjects in class XI once they have been admitted with a particular combination of subjects. If there is any change in subject(s), the request has to come from the student and it has to be dealt as per the Clause 26 of Chapter 4 of the Examination Bye Laws.

Yours faithfully,

(PAVNESH KUMAR) CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS

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- 3. All the Regional Officers of CBSE (Ajmer, Panchkula, Chennai, Guwahati & Delhi)
- 4. PRO, CBSE, Preet Vihar, Delhi.
- 5. System Analyst and Web Manager, CBSE with a request to put the circular on the website.

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