Software to watch student-teacher ratio

In another move to curb discrepancies in Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schools in the country, the board has now introduced a software to keep a tab on the student-teacher ratio (40:1) at all their institutes.

Sources said the board wanted to put everything online to raise transparency of the system. The board has received several complaints that some classroom has more students and just one teacher. Karnataka CBSE schools have been facing these issues too, but so far there has been no concrete way to keep an eye on the number.

The software, called 'OASIS', has been brought in centrally through which the CBSE affiliated schools will provide the details of all the students to the board by updating it every year. This will make sure that the schools cannot give wrong information. Every detail about the school will be update periodically in the database.

Sources said that before implementing this software, many schools have been served show cause notice for having more than 50 students in each class. As per sources, CBSE will also carry out regular inspections and take stringent action against violators.

Mansur Ali Khan, member of the board, Delhi Public Schools, said, "The software OASIS will bring in transparency in the system. We all have been following this rule from the beginning especially after the Right to Education (RTE) was introduced. The ratio means in one section or classroom, we can have only 40 students, but there can be any number of sections in the same grade."