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CBSE 10 boards out, 12 optional

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The Central Board of Secondary Examination (CBSE) on Thursday told the Supreme Court that it has decided to cancel the remaining board exams for Classes 10 and 12, scheduled to begin on July 1, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar that while Class 10 boards have

been cancelled, Class 12 students will get an opt-out option. Those opting out will be assessed on the basis of performance in their last three exams.

The Indian Certificate Secondary Education (ICSE), too, told the court it will cancel the remaining boards for its Classes 10 and 12 exams.

On CBSE's submission to hold the remaining Class 12 papers when the situation improves, the bench said, "The situation can vary from state

to state. Will this decision be taken by the Centre or the state?"

The bench wanted more clarity about optional exams, publication of results and when the new academic year would start. It sought the CBSE's draft notification by 10.30 am on Friday for its perusal, following which final orders will be issued.

Mehta said that the CBSE's decision was based on inputs from various states. "We took this decision due to logistic issues," he said.