

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No-674**  
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**CONCERNS REGARDING NEP**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any response as to why Sanskrit has been given more preference over and above State languages like Tamil in the three language formula adopted by NEP;

(b) whether the Ministry has any response to the fact that NEP has fixed the target of achieving 50 percent Gross Enrollment Rate in Higher Education by 2035 while Tamil Nadu already has 51.4 per cent Gross Enrollment Rate in Higher Education making NEP unsuitable and disadvantageous to the people of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a): National Education Policy, 2020 states that the Three language formula will continue to be implemented while keeping in mind the Constitutional provision, aspiration of the people, regions and the Union, and the need to promote multilingualism as well as promote national unity. However, there will be greater flexibility in the three-language formula, and no language will be imposed on any State. The three languages learned by children will be the choices of the States, regions, and of course the students themselves, so long as at least two of the three languages are native to India.

(b) & (c): NEP, 2020 aims to increase the Gross Enrollment Ratio in Higher Educational Institutions including vocational education for 26.3% to 50% by 2035. Increasing Gross Enrollment Ratio in Higher Education from 26.31% to 50% by 2035 is only one of the targets under NEP, 2020. The policy also recommends making higher education in the country flexible, multidisciplinary allowing multiple entry and exit, focus on research and internationalization of education, making books and study materials available in mother tongue as far as possible, among others. Such steps are progressive and forward looking which are beneficial to all students of Higher Educational Institutions including those belonging to the state of Tamil Nadu.

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