GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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New Education Policy

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the States which have adopted the New Education Policy and implemented the same in their States; and
- (b) the states which are yet to implement the New Education Policy and main reasons therefor?

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

(a) and (b): Education being in the concurrent list of Constitution, Centre and States are equally responsible for providing quality education to all. National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) provides different timelines as well as principles and methodology for its implementation. NEP also provides for careful planning, joint monitoring and collaborative implementation by Central and States for execution of this policy. Accordingly, Ministry of Education, State Governments, education-related Ministries, the regulatory and implementing bodies of school and higher education etc. have started taking initiatives for implementation of NEP 2020. Various schemes/projects/programmes run by Ministry of Education have been aligned with NEP 2020. There are various aspects of NEP 2020 in which States have played a pivotal role in their implementation through Samagra Shiksha, PM Poshan, National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA), Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA). Jadui Pitara, adoption of Academic Bank of Credits and National Credit Framework, courses in Indian languages, adoption of SWAYAM regulation, implementation of four-year undergraduate programme, offering multiple entry-exit in academic programmes, incorporating Indian Knowledge System in syllabus, allowing academic collaboration with foreign institutions, etc.

Implementation of NEP 2020 was one of the agenda items in the 1st National Conference of Chief Secretaries held in June 2022 and 7th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog held in August 2022. A three-day Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam was organised in July 2022 at Kashi (Varanasi) on implementation of NEP 2020 in the field of higher education. Similarly, Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam 2023 was organized on 29-30 July 2023 covering school, skill and higher education sector wherein different stakeholders from States/UTs, VCs/Directors/Heads of Universities / Higher Education Institutions, Schools Heads, Skill Institutions, edu-tech, start-ups, innovators, industries, philanthropic organizations participated. Best practices of States / Universities/ Organisations were shared with all the participants for better implementation in their respective areas. A series of workshops / consultation-cum-review meetings have been held with States/UTs for progressive implementation of NEP 2020 and sharing of best practices.