GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 145 ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025

Non-implementation of new National Education Policy

145 Shri Ashokrao Shankarrao Chavan:

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) in the country are not implementing new National Education Policy (NEP) properly even after 4 years of policy implementation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether UGC has prepared draft to check implementation of NEP in HEIs and sought clarification from universities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether UGC is considering to reduce or stop financial assistance to HEIs for not implementing the NEP and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether UGC has sought suggestions from the universities regarding implementation of NEP and if so, response of the universities in this regard?

ANSWER MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 145 FOR REPLY ON 12.03.2025 ASKED BY SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

(a) to (d): Implementation of NEP 2020 is a continuous process and there is a definite and smooth progression in this regard.

To create awareness and discuss ideas for NEP implementation, a series of workshops / consultation-cum-review meetings have been held with States/UTs, Educational Institutions, other stakeholders from time to time. Implementation of NEP 2020 was discussed in National Education Ministers' Conference held in Gujarat in June 2022; National Conference of Chief Secretaries held in June 2022 led by Hon'ble Prime Minister; 7th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog held in August 2022 led by Hon'ble Prime Minister; Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam 2022, 2023 and 2024; 9th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog held on 27th July 2024 led by Hon'ble Prime Minister. A two-day National Workshop on Higher and Technical Education was organized with Secretaries of States/UTs on 12th & 13th November 2024 to disseminate various approaches and methodologies to implement NEP 2020; effectively articulate the roadmap and implementation strategies, fostering knowledge exchange; provide a common platform for all stakeholders to come together and network for effective and smooth implementation of the NEP 2020 and encourage its adoption in state institutions.

Based on the discussion during National Conference of Chief Secretaries held in June 2022 and suggestions received from States/UTs, Actionable Points were identified to capture the quantifiable targets and to track the status of NEP implementation in States/UTs. The same was shared with States/UTs for taking appropriate action.

Separately, to further take up the task of implementing the NEP 2020 at the grassroots level in Higher Education Institutions and to formulate tangible implementation strategies towards implementation of NEP 2020, a series of zone-wise conferences on "Implementation of NEP 2020" have been organized by University Grants Commission across the country. After these conferences, the tangible implementation strategies discussed during the deliberations are also conveyed to the State Higher Education Departments for appropriate action.

Department of Higher Education has also started a program for Outreach and Awareness of Implementation of NEP 2020, involving 84 Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions (CFIs) and 404 State Public Universities. Each CFI has been mapped with the 5-7 State Universities located in the nearby geographies for creating awareness among State Public Universities/Institutions about the various initiatives/reforms undertaken after NEP 2020. Zonewise workshops is organised with CFIs to equip them for better implementation and information dissemination at State University levels. So far, 3 Workshops for CFIs for Northern Zone, North Eastern & Eastern Zone and South & West Zone have been held on 28.11.2024, 05.12.2024 and 19.12.2024 respectively.

UGC is actively guiding HEIs in leveraging the provisions of the National Education Policy through various initiatives and fostering its implementation through dialogue and discussion.
