GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2256
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018

New Education Policy

2256. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

 Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government is set to introduce the first draft of the new National Education Policy, 2017;

(b) if so, the details of the salient features of the said policy;

(c) whether this policy is expected to bring about some significant changes in the existing education system and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of various stakeholders involved/consulted during the process?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(Dr. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (d): The Government is in the process of formulating a New Education Policy for which wide ranging consultations were undertaken at multiple levels of online, expert/thematic and grassroots from village to State, Zonal levels as well as at the National level. Initially, it had constituted a Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy in October 2015 under the Chairmanship of Shri T.S.R. Subramanian, former Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India which submitted its report in May, 2016 and thereafter, the Ministry prepared 'Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy, 2016'. Both these documents are treated as inputs for policy formulation. The exercise of preparing a New Education Policy is still ongoing as a Committee for Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan has been constituted, which is expected to submit its report shortly. Suggestions and inputs received from various stakeholders such as, individuals, organisations, autonomous bodies, Hon'ble MPs, GoI Ministries and State Governments have been provided to the Committee for preparation of the Draft New Education Policy. Since the New Education Policy has not been finalized yet, it is premature to comment on the salient features and expected changes.

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