

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 254
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

New Education Policy

254. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes the introduction of 'pick them young as per skill' concept through a more practical new education policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government also proposes for introduction of compulsory exposure of young school/college level students to basic defence/policy training and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(Dr. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (b): The Government is in the process of formulating a New Education Policy to meet the changing dynamics of the population's requirement with regard to quality education, innovation and research, aiming to make India a knowledge superpower by equipping its students with the necessary skills and knowledge and to eliminate the shortage of manpower in science, technology, academics and industry. Among the 33 themes identified for consultations, two themes were "*Strengthening of vocational education*" and "*Integrating skill development in Higher education*" which has focus on skill based education. Suggestions and inputs on this area have been received from various stakeholders such as, individuals, organisations, GOI Ministries and State governments, which have been provided to the recently constituted Committee for preparation of the Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan that is expected to submit its report soon.

(c) Since the New Education Policy has not been finalized yet, it is pre-mature to comment on it.
