

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 356  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

**Spiritual Values in Education**

**356. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to “Revisit the Education System” to integrate spiritual values;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any changes have been brought about by the Government to integrate spiritual values in our education system during the last three years; and
- (d) whether the Government like to have a fresh view of our education system or thinking of revamping it keeping in view the changing time?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(Dr. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) to (d): Presently, the Government is in the process of formulating a New Education Policy (NEP) 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. For this purpose, wide ranging consultations were undertaken at multiple levels of online, expert/thematic and grassroots from village to State as well as at the national level. Thereafter, a Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy was constituted which submitted its report in May, 2016 and thereafter, the Ministry prepared ‘Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy, 2016’, wherein it has been stated that ethics education will be integrated at all levels for inculcating values of equality and equity, social justice, fraternity, democracy, responsible freedom and liberty, spirit of fraternity and national integration. The exercise of preparing a New Education Policy is still ongoing as the Government has recently constituted a Committee for preparation of the Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan, which is due to submit its report soon.

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