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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1571
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019

Education Policy

1571. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received Draft of New Education Policy from the Committee constituted in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has tweaked the draft National Education Policy to say that students are free to choose any language they wish to study in and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the New Policy recognizes that there is a severe learning crisis and emphasizes the need to focus on building a foundation for reading and Arithmetic from Class I onwards;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the policy is under review by the Government and if so, whether the Government is considering to implement the policy very soon; and

(e) the time by when it is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) and (b): The Committee for the Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan has submitted its report to the Ministry on 31st May 2019. The Draft NEP 2019 has been uploaded on MHRD's website and also at innovate.mygov.in platform to elicit suggestions/comments from all stakeholders.

(c): Chapter 2 of the Draft NEP 2019 report titled 'Foundational Literacy and Numeracy' recognizes a learning crisis in early stages and proposes an objective that by 2025, every student in Grade 5 and beyond would have achieved foundational literacy and numeracy skills through various proposed interventions.

(d) and (e): At this stage, the Draft Report is under consideration and suggestions/comments have been invited from various stakeholders including the public, Government of India Ministries and State Governments. The Government will finalize the National Education Policy only after considering the inputs/suggestions and comments of all stakeholders.

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