

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2329  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019**

**New Education Policy**

**2329. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce New Education Policy (NEP) in the country;
- (b) if so, the main objectives/changes have drafted in NEP therefor;
- (c) whether the new school system will be discovery, audio-visual based, friendly education system;
- (d) whether 2/3 years degree courses will also be converted to 4 years degree course thereto; and
- (e) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (e) : The Government has undertaken a detailed exercise in formulating a New Education Policy and the Committee for the Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan has submitted its report to the Ministry on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Several reform measures have been proposed in the Draft NEP 2019, so that all students have equitable access to quality education across the country.

The Draft NEP 2019 proposes that for 3-8 year olds (Foundational Stage) - a flexible, multi-level, play-based, activity-based, and discovery-based system of learning is followed. It also proposes that school complexes can house shared facilities and equipment at the secondary school that cannot be provided separately to each individual school. It states that audio-video systems with a portable generator can be taken around from school to school. Similarly, a secondary school may have a good laboratory, musical instruments, and playgrounds with sports equipment that students from the pre-primary, primary, and upper primary schools in the complex may be given access to on a regular basis.

The Draft NEP 2019 also proposes that the undergraduate degree will move towards a strong liberal education approach, and can be of either three- or four-year duration. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) may offer multiple exit options within this period, with appropriate certification, such as an advanced diploma in a discipline or field (including vocational and professional areas) after completing two years of study or a diploma after

completing one year. The three-year programme will lead to a Bachelors degree. A four-year duration programme will offer the full possibilities for a transformed liberal undergraduate education programme, and shall be called a Liberal Arts programme, resulting in a Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA) or Bachelor of Liberal Education (BLE) degree with Research.

At this stage, the draft NEP 2019 has been uploaded on MHRD's website and also at [innovate.mygov.in](http://innovate.mygov.in) platform to elicit suggestions/comments from all 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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