

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Promotion of NEP in Tribal Areas

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to promote the New Education Policy in tribal areas;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed to set up educational institutions in the name of tribal freedom fighters in tribal areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the New Education Policy in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (d) the details of major educational institutions operational in tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh, district-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) aims to ensure that no child loses any opportunity to learn and excel because of the circumstances of birth or background. It proposes special emphasis to be given on Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs). Accordingly, after announcement of NEP 2020, Ministry of Education has taken several steps for its promotion and implementation by organizing workshops / consultation-cum-review meetings with States/UTs and other stakeholders for handholding and to discuss innovative ideas for NEP implementation. Implementation of NEP 2020 was one of the agenda items in the 1st National Conference of Chief Secretaries held in June 2022 and 7th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog held in August 2022. A three-day Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam was also organised in July 2022 at Kashi (Varanasi) on implementation of NEP 2020 in the field of higher education. These events were chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

NEP 2020 provides for more HEIs to be established and developed in underserved regions to ensure full access, equity and inclusion. Education being subject matter of concurrent list, it is joint responsibility of the Centre and State Government to take action for implementation of NEP 2020.

(d): In Madhya Pradesh, 112 Kendriya Vidyalays are being run by the Ministry of Education and 63 Eklavya Model Residential Schools have been made functional by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, including tribal area of the State. In higher education, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (Central University), IIT Indore, IIM Indore, IIIT Bhopal, National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research, Bhopal, Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal, IISER Bhopal, etc are functioning in Madhya Pradesh. There is also one Central Tribal University namely India Gandhi National Tribal University in Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh which provides avenues of higher education and research facilities to the tribal students of the country.
