

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1282
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019**

New Education Policy

**1282. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has received and is reviewing the draft of New Education Policy from the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Committee on New Education Policy has made several recommendations for reforming school level education and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any decision to make reforms on school level education in accordance with the recommendations made by the Committee and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that some of country's key academicians in the field of education have expressed concern over experts being left out of consultations for the proposed Policy and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of the main inclusions in the new policy and exclusions from the old Policy;
- (f) whether all the States have agreed to implement the proposed Policy and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the time by which the proposed Policy is likely to be made effective and the extent to which it is likely to ease the burden on students and job oriented education in the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) to (g): The extant National Policy on Education (NPE) of 1986/92 provides for a National System of Education which implies that, up to a given level, all students,

irrespective of caste, creed, location or sex, have access to education of a comparable quality. It includes a common educational structure, a national curriculum framework and minimum levels of learning for each stage of education.

Currently, the Government is in the process of formulating a new National Education Policy for meeting the changing dynamics of the population's requirement with regard to quality education, innovation and research, aiming to make India a knowledge superpower. For this purpose, wide ranging consultations were undertaken at multiple levels of online, expert / thematic and grassroots from village to State, Zonal levels and the National level. Initially, a Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy was constituted, which submitted its report in May, 2016 which was followed by the Ministry's '*Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy, 2016*', both of which are considered as inputs for policy formulation. Thereafter, a Committee for the Draft National Education Policy was constituted in June 2017 under the Chairmanship of eminent scientist Dr. K Kasturirangan, which has submitted the Draft National Education Policy 2019(DNEP 2019) to the Ministry on 31st May 2019. The Draft NEP 2019 has been uploaded on MHRD's website at https://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Draft_NEP_2019_EN_Revised.pdf and also at <https://innovate.mygov.in/list-nep/> to elicit comments and suggestions from the various stakeholders. Further, letters were written to States /UTs Governments and Government of India Ministries inviting their views and comments on DNEP 2019. An Education Dialogue with Hon'ble MPs of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Karnataka & Odisha on three consecutive days i.e on 31.07.2019, 01.08.2019 & 02.08.2019. Two meetings with State Education Secretaries of School Education and another with State Secretaries of Higher & Technical Education was held on 09.07.2019 and 08.08.2019 respectively. Around 2 lakh suggestions on the Draft National Education Policy received from various stakeholders. A special meeting of CABE on National Education Policy was held on 21.09.2019, to discuss the National Education Policy. Process of finalizing the National Education Policy is ongoing.
