

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2149
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

Improving Quality of Education through New Education Policy

**†2149. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether provisions have been made by the Government in the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to raise the standard of education in the country, particularly in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to implement it in small cities and rural areas ;
- (c) whether any special steps have been taken with regard to NEP in aspirational districts and if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;
- (d) the extent to which standard of education is likely to be improved by these provisions, State-wise;
- (e) the details of effective methods and efforts made by the Government to raise the standard of education in rural areas particularly with regard to Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a): Several provisions have been made in the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) to improve the standard of education in school and higher education. NEP 2020 provides different timelines as well as principles and methodology for its implementation. NEP 2020 aims to ensure that no student 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). The NEP 2020 reaffirms that bridging the social category gaps in access, participation, and learning outcomes in both school and higher education will continue to be one of the major goals of all education sector development programmes.

(b) to (e): Improving the quality of education across all levels from primary to university level is a continuous and ongoing process. National Education Policy, 2020 focuses on improving the quality of education through various measures such as introduction of new pedagogical and curricular structure, Early Childhood Care and Education, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy and Transforming Assessment for Student Development, Experiential and Competency based

Learning, etc. Major schemes/projects/programmes have been aligned with NEP 2020. Besides, Ministry is implementing various schemes/programmes such as Samagra Shiksha, Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT), Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) etc. to raise the standard of education in the country including aspirational districts and rural areas of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. Since Education is in the concurrent list of Constitution of India, State/UT Governments play a vital role in the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020.
