GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 160
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021

National Education Policy

160.   SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for effective implementation of National Education Policy, 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special guidelines/directions have been issued to States/UTs regarding the Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b): As per National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), implementation of the Policy requires multiple initiatives and actions, which will have to be taken by different bodies in a synchronized and systematic manner. The policy provides different timelines as well as principles and methodology for its implementation. Accordingly, Ministry has written to all its implementing agencies, regulatory bodies, State/UT Governments, other stakeholder Ministries/Departments, etc for taking steps for implementation of NEP 2020.

In pursuance of the goals and objectives of the NEP 2020 and to assist States, UTs and other organisations in this task, the Department of School Education & Literacy has developed an indicative and suggestive NEP Implementation Plan for School Education, 'Students' and 'Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education (SARTHAQ)'.

Further, various Committees/Expert Groups have been constituted by the both the Departments i.e. D/o Higher Education and D/o School Education & Literacy of the Ministry and other implementing agencies under its control for effective implementation of various aspects of National Education Policy 2020.

On 29.07.2021, Ministry has launched several initiatives under NEP, 2020 like Vidya-Pravesh – School Preparation Module; Indian Sign Language as a Subject at secondary level; NISHTHA 2:0 for Secondary Teachers; SAFAL (Structured Assessment for Analysing Learning Levels); Online Module on AI for Public Awareness; Setting up of Academic Bank of Credit; Guidelines on Multiple Entry/Exit in Academic Programmes offered in Higher Education Institutions; 1st Year Engineering Programmes in Regional Languages; Guidelines for Internationalisation of Higher Education; National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR) & National Education Technology Forum (NETF) etc. Apart from these, several other initiatives have also been taken by Government of India.

(c) and (d): After announcement of NEP 2020, a list of suggestive actionable points and various activities envisaged in NEP 2020 were identified and shared with State/UT Governments. A series of workshops/VCs have been held with States/UTs to discuss innovative ideas for NEP implementation. In this regard, several communications have been made with State/UT Governments requesting to take appropriate measures towards implementation of NEP 2020 vide letters dated 30.07.2020, 16.09.2020, 06.04.2021, 29.07.2021, 10.08.2021 and 07.09.2021. States/UT Governments have also started taking initiatives towards implementation of NEP 2020.

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