

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 805
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2022**

Private Schools and Universities

805. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the criteria for Government and private schools and colleges are same but students prefer to attend Government colleges instead of private colleges and private schools in comparison to Government schools;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the New Education Policy, 2020 is likely to bring any change in the above mentioned trend; and

(d) if so, the proposal of the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (d): As per National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), the approach to equity and inclusion must be common across school and higher education. NEP 2020 inter-alia provides that public and private schools are to be assessed and accredited on the same criteria, benchmarks, and processes, emphasizing online and offline public disclosure and transparency. NEP 2020 also proposes similar standards of audit and disclosure as a 'not-for-profit' entity to all the education institutions. Surpluses, if any, will be reinvested in the educational sector. Similarly, in higher education, all HEIs - public and private - shall be treated on par observing common guidelines.
