

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 806  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2022

**Higher Education Commission of India**

**806. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal for setting up Higher Education Commission of India (HECI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status and concrete timelines of setting up of HECI;
- (c) whether HECI will replace autonomous bodies like the University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE);
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is planning to disband UGC, AICTE and NCTE and if so, whether it won't lead to centralisation of powers in one body; and
- (f) if so, the detail thereof?

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

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Education has announced the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on 29.07.2020 after obtaining approval of the Union Cabinet. The NEP-2020 envisions setting up of a Higher Education Commission of India as an umbrella body with four independent verticals to perform distinct functions of regulation, accreditation, funding, and academic standard setting. Accordingly, the Ministry is in the process of drafting a Bill for establishment of the Higher Education Commission of India.

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