

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-101**  
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**Implementation of the Unified Higher Education Regulatory Body**

101. Shri Vishaldada Prakashbapu Patil:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Unified Higher Education Regulatory Body is proposed to be established under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for its implementation, particularly in States like Maharashtra;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the academic autonomy and institutional diversity remain preserved under the new regulatory framework;
- (d) whether these measures will impact the higher education institutions in Maharashtra, including those in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities such as Sangli;
- (e) whether the Regulatory Body will address existing inefficiencies in governance across higher education institutions;
- (f) if so, the detailed plan to streamline approval processes for new Universities, Research Funding and accreditation in Maharashtra and other States; and
- (g) the details of transparent and consistent mechanisms in Higher Education, particularly growing educational hubs like Sangli?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (g): The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, envisions a 'light but tight' regulatory framework to ensure integrity, transparency, and resource efficiency of the educational system through audit and public disclosure while encouraging innovation and out-of-the-box ideas through autonomy, good governance, and empowerment.

The NEP, 2020 further envisions setting up of a Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) as an umbrella body with independent verticals to perform distinct functions of regulation, accreditation, funding and academic standard setting.

Considering the above vision of NEP 2020, the Ministry is in the process of drafting a HECI Bill.

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