

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3512
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2015**

Changes in Higher Education System

3512. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh with regard to the changes to be brought in the Higher Education system in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): The Government has undertaken a collaborative, multi-stakeholder and multi-pronged consultation process for formulating the New Education Policy (NEP), which included online, grassroots and national level thematic deliberations on the 33 identified themes. A meeting was held by the Minister of Human Resource Development on 21st March, 2015 with Education Ministers, Secretaries and other senior officials of the State Governments, including State Information Officers (SIOs), in which the consultation process, including the process of uploading the resolutions on <https://survey.mygov.in>, was explained in detail and suggestions of States on the process as well as themes were invited. Six Zonal Meetings were held by the Minister of Human Resource Development in Eastern, Central, North-Eastern, Western, Southern and Northern Zones covering all States and UTs during September-October 2015, which were attended by Education Ministers and officials of the respective States/UTs.

The State Governments are uploading the consultation reports of Village, Block, District and State level on the above mentioned portal. As on date, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has uploaded their consultation report of School Education and Higher Education is in the final stages for uploading. Further, the Govt. of India has constituted a Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy and the suggestions received on the theme have been forwarded to the Committee. The Committee will examine the outcome documents, recommendations and suggestions received and formulate a Draft National Education Policy as well as a Framework for Action (FFA).
