

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2324  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.05.2016**

**Quality of Education**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to improve the quality of education at all levels including higher education in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

(a) to (b): Improving the quality of education across all levels from primary to university level is a continuous and ongoing process. Several initiatives are currently being undertaken to improve the quality of teaching and learning. In elementary education, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme is implemented for improvements in school infrastructure and in teaching and learning. Several schemes such as, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), ICT in Schools, Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Teacher Education (CSSTE), Shaala Siddhi, Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan are being implemented to improve the quality of secondary education. In higher education also, Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Global Initiative for Academics Network (GIAN), IMPRINT, Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme as also a number of initiatives are undertaken by UGC and AICTE for quality improvement in higher and technical education.

The Government is in the process of framing a New Education Policy (NEP), for which it carried out nearly a year-long consultations through online, grassroots through States and thematic deliberations across 33 themes, which covered a spectrum of issues including the quality of education at all levels. The Government of India has constituted a Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy and the suggestions received have been sent to the Committee, which is expected to formulate a draft National Education Policy as well as a Framework for Action (FFA).

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