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

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3480 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2016

### **Education System**

#### 3480. SHRI ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering an aspect of building a sound education system with the involvement of the private sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the quality of education could be enhanced by granting flexibility to States making teachers accountable and adopting blended learning approaches and computer aided learning; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (d): 'Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy (NEP), 2016' has been formulated, wherein several reforms in curricula, examinations, governance, regulation, school standards, teachers & faculty, literacy & lifelong learning, skills and employability, quality assurance, internationalization, research, innovation etc. have been proposed so as to build a sound education system. In some of these aspects, the involvement of the private sector in so far their constructive role can contribute in improving the quality of education has been outlined. It has also been stated that in order to supplement the Government efforts, investment in education by private providers through philanthropy and corporate sector responsibility will be encouraged.

A concerted effort will be made to make ICT an integral part of education across all levels and domains of learning. Programmes for enhancing the capacity, motivation and accountability of teachers to deliver quality education and improvements in learning outcomes of students will be accorded priority. Also, in the changed context, role of learners and teachers will be redefined to promote adoption of a blended model of pedagogy with a combination of self-learning, practical and collaborative learning components.

Suggestions on 'Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy (NEP), 2016' have been invited from the relevant Ministries of the Government of India, all States and UTs, Hon'ble MPs and all stakeholders by 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

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