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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3550 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2016

Distribution of funds for Education

3550. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the distribution of Government funds is a major hindrance to the education system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps are being taken by the Government to improve the distribution of Government funds for the education system in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Government is committed to increasing access to quality education to all sections of the society and provide adequate funds to realize these goals. In this context, it is stated that 'Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy (NEP), 2016' has been formulated, wherein it has been reiterated that the Government will take steps for reaching the long pending goal of raising the investment in education sector to at least 6% of GDP as a priority.

Further, it states that norm-based funding with incentives for activities that promote excellence in public-funded higher education institutions will be introduced. All public-funded institutions will prepare perspective plans with specific milestones and timelines so as to ensure autonomy with financial and administrative accountability.

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 16th August, 2016.
