

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 197  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022**

**Public Consultation in Formulation in NEP, 2020**

197. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the new National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 was formulated after one of the largest public consultation in policy history;
- (b) if so, whether despite wide consultation and mass contributions, the policy lacks clear articulation of outcomes and evolution of the policy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (d): The National Education Policy 2020 has been finalised after a highly participative, inclusive and multi-pronged consultation process, through online, grassroots and thematic expert consultations, involving all stakeholders. A large number of consultations / deliberations were held with different stakeholders viz-a-viz State/UT Governments, Government of India Ministries, Members of Parliament, Educational Institutions, Industries, public etc.

The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) provides different timelines as well as principles and methodology for its implementation. As per NEP 2020, implementation of the Policy requires multiple initiatives and actions, which will have to be taken by multiple bodies in a synchronized and systematic manner. Since education is a concurrent subject, it needs careful planning, joint monitoring and collaborative implementation between the Centre and States. State/UT Governments play a vital role in the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020.

From time to time, a series of workshops/ seminars/meetings have been held with States/UTs and other stakeholders to discuss innovative ideas for NEP implementation. In this direction, recently a National Conference of Chief Secretaries was held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 inter-alia to discuss the implementation of various aspects of National Education Policy 2020 with State/UT Governments. Also, an Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam was organised from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to discuss various themes of NEP 2020 for higher education. In this Samagam, Vice Chancellors of Central/State/Deemed/Private Universities, Directors / Heads of Higher Educational Institutions, Principals / Faculties of Colleges, Educationists, Policy-makers etc participated.

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