

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FORMULATION OF NEW EDUCATION POLICY

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

- (a) the details of the existing policy on education framed in 1986;
- (b) whether the present Education Policy fulfils the aspirations of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate New Education Policy (NEP) to meet the emerging challenges in the education sectors like lack of quality, research and innovations in educational institutions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government so far, in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d) : The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, which was modified in 1992, envisages, inter alia, a National System of Education to bring about uniformity in education, making adult education programmes a mass movement, providing universal access, ensuring retention and improving quality in elementary education, special emphasis on education of girls, establishment of pace-setting schools, like Navodaya Vidyalayas in each district, vocationalisation of secondary education, synthesis of knowledge and inter-disciplinary research in higher education, starting more Open Universities in the States, strengthening of the All India Council for Technical Education, encouraging sports, physical education, Yoga and adoption of an effective evaluation method.

Since the last Policy, several changes have taken place which call for a revision of the Policy. For this purpose, the Government of India has launched online consultations for formulation of the New Education Policy.