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NEW EDUCATION POLICY

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

(a) whether the Government has initiated the exercise for holding consultation aimed at the drafting of a new education policy and invited suggestions and held consultation with the States for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the theme of the new education policy;

(c) whether several States have demanded to do away with no detention policy till class 8th as well as to bring back 10th class board examination and if so, the reaction of Central Government thereto; (d.) the other suggestions made/views expressed by the States in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the new education policy is likely to be formulated?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) : Yes, Madam. The Government has initiated the consultation process of formulating a New Education Policy to meet the changing dynamics of the population's requirement with regard to quality education, innovation and research, aiming to make India a knowledge superpower by equipping its students with the necessary skills and knowledge and to eliminate the shortage of manpower in science, technology, academics and industry. A multiple level consultative processes involving all stakeholders, such as, educationists, teachers, and students across all levels are envisaged. The online consultation process has already been launched on www.MyGov.in portal and nearly 12,000 suggestions have already been received on 33 identified themes that are accessible on www.MyGov.in portal. The grass roots level consultation from the Gram Panchayat level through the Block & District to State level is also proposed to be started shortly.

(c) to (d) : Various points were raised by different States in the meeting held on 21.03.2015 under Chairpersonship of Union Minister of Human Resource Development to discuss the consultative process on formulation of New Education Policy (NEP) with State Education Ministers and State Education Secretaries and the summary record of the discussions can be accessed from www.mhrd.gov.in.

(e) : The New Education Policy is likely to be formulated by December, 2015.