

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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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 draft New Education Policy aiming to ensure quality education at affordable cost for all is under discussion with various stakeholders and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of major changes being contemplated in the New Education Policy;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted a number of workshops and conferences to solicit views/suggestions/ inputs from various State Governments, educationists and other stakeholders for the New Education Policy and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 170 FOR REPLY ON 28.11.2016 ASKED BY SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO AND DR. A. SAMPATH REGARDING NEW EDUCATION POLICY

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Government initiated the process of formulating a New Education Policy (NEP), for which it carried out an extensive, time-bound, multi-pronged participative year-long consultation process across 33 identified themes, through online consultations on MyGov platform; grass-root consultation starting from Village to Block, District, State and Zonal levels on <https://survey.mygov.in> ; and thematic consultations with experts and through autonomous bodies, such as UGC, AICTE, NCERT, NCTE, AIU, and other centrally funded institutions. Meetings were also held with Government of India Ministries and State Governments. The consultation process was one of the agenda items in the 63rd meeting of Central Advisory Board on Education (CABE) held on 19th August 2015. Six Zonal Meetings were held in Eastern, Central, North-Eastern, Western, Southern and Northern Zones covering all States and UTs which was attended by Education Ministers and officials of the respective States/UTs. Concerns to be addressed in New Education Policy (NEP) relating to improvement in learning outcomes, shortage of teachers in rural areas, National Achievement Survey (NAS), joyful learning, pre-primary classes and no Detention Policy were also discussed in the 64th Meeting of CABE held on 25th October, 2016. The proposed New Education Policy aims 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. Five pillars of NEP would be Accessibility, Equity, Affordability, Quality and Accountability. The Ministry had constituted a Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy which submitted its report in May, 2016. Thereafter the Ministry has formulated 'Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy, 2016' on which comments/suggestions were invited from the Government of India Ministries, State Governments, Hon'ble Members of Parliament and other stakeholders up to 30th September, 2016, and several suggestions have been received from various stakeholders. It is pre-mature to contemplate the changes in the NEP. An 'Education Dialogue' was also organized with the Hon'ble MPs to discuss the suggestions and to elicit their views. A Committee under an eminent educationist will be appointed to prepare final draft NEP. The process of finalizing the New Education Policy is likely to take some more time.
