

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2055
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018**

New Education Policy

**2055. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:
SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:
SHRI HARISH MEENA:
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:**

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

- (a) the details of New Education Policy of the Government and the time by which it is likely to come into effect;
- (b) whether the Government has further granted extension to K. Kasturirangan Committee constituted for drafting New Education Policy for the country and if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the reasons for extending its tenure for the third time;
- (d) whether the Government has finalised its draft and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the reasons for delay in finalising the said Policy; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to make it more job oriented to reduce unemployment among highly qualified generation and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(Dr. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (f): The Government is in the process of formulating a New Education Policy for meeting 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. Wide ranging consultations were undertaken at multiple levels of online, expert/thematic and grassroots from village to State, Zonal levels as well as at the National level. Initially, a Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy was constituted which submitted its report in May, 2016 and thereafter, the Ministry prepared 'Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy, 2016'. Both these documents are treated as inputs

for policy formulation. Suggestions and inputs have been received from various stakeholders such as, individuals, organisations, autonomous bodies, Hon'ble MPs, GoI Ministries and State Governments on various aspects of education. The exercise of preparing a New Education Policy is still ongoing as the Committee for Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan has been constituted. This Committee has also held consultations with various stakeholders and cross-sections of the society. The issues of employability of students is undoubtedly a critical one, which the Committee has considered. Consultations were held with relevant stakeholders on this pertinent issue. In view of the voluminous quantum of suggestions that this committee had to examine in the exercise of formulating a draft policy, it has taken a longer time than initially expected. Also, the procedural formalities involved in formal submission of Final draft Policy has been time-consuming and hence the extension of time has been granted. The Committee is now expected to submit its report by 31.08.2018.
