

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 187
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020**

New Education Policy

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new National Education Policy and if so, the salient features thereof ;
- (b) whether the draft Policy has been finalised and if so, the expected time of the introduction of the said policy along with the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) the deliberations received over the said Policy, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of the significant changes proposed in the draft document including the three language formula;
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle the challenges in implementation of the said Policy; and
- (f) whether it is a fact that 100 days action plan was formulated by the Government after its formation in May, 2019 including the said policy and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) to (e): The Government is in the process of formulating a new National 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. For this purpose, wide ranging consultations were undertaken at multiple levels of online, expert / thematic and grassroots from village to State, Zonal levels and the National level. Initially, a Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy was constituted, which submitted its report in May, 2016 which was followed by the Ministry's '*Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy, 2016*', both of which are considered as inputs for policy formulation. Thereafter, a Committee for the Draft National Education Policy was

constituted in June 2017 under the Chairmanship of eminent scientist Dr. K Kasturirangan, which has submitted the Draft National Education Policy 2019(DNEP 2019) to the Ministry on 31st May 2019. The Draft NEP 2019 has been uploaded on MHRD's website at https://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Draft_NEP_2019_EN_Revised.pdf and also at <https://innovate.mygov.in/list-nep/> to elicit comments and suggestions from the various stakeholders. Further, letters were written to States/UTs Governments and Government of India Ministries inviting their views and comments on DNEP 2019. An Education Dialogue with Hon'ble MPs of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Karnataka & Odisha on three consecutive days i.e on 31.07.2019, 01.08.2019 & 02.08.2019. Two meetings with State Education Secretaries of School Education and another with State Secretaries of Higher & Technical Education was held on 09.07.2019 and 08.08.2019 respectively. Around 2 lakh suggestions on the Draft National Education Policy received from various stakeholders. A special meeting of CABE on National Education Policy was held on 21.09.2019, to discuss the National Education Policy. The Draft NEP recommends equal development and promotion of all Indian languages. Currently, process of finalising the National Education Policy is ongoing.

(f): It is submitted that 100 days action plan was formulated by this Ministry and among other various programmes such as National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancements (NISHTHA), Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching (ARPIT), Inauguration of central schools, Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' cadre) Act 2019, Central Universities (Amendment) Act, 2019, Declaration of Institution of Eminence, Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme "DHRUV". One of the agenda was New Education Policy, which is still under finalisation.
