

- (vi) Availability of counseling services in schools.
- (vii) Web-based interaction with CBSE throughout the year.
- (viii) Introduction of subjects like Music, Dance, Painting, Theatre etc. for the development of harmonious personality in the students.

#### **New education policy**

695. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has proposed to formulate New Education Policy (NEP);
- (b) if so, whether any feedback has been taken from the grassroots to frame the policy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) how NEP would help to reflect the vision of modern and digital India?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has initiated the process of formulating a New Education Policy (NEP). The online consultation process has been launched and suggestions are being invited on MyGov.in portal. The grassroots level consultation from the Gram Panchayat level through the Block and District to State level and also multi-stakeholder regional and national level consultations is to commence shortly. NEP is expected 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.

#### **Proposals on new education policy**

†696. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating on formulating a new education policy;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.