

implementation of SSA are discussed during review meetings, workshops and Project Approval Boards of SSA. Additionally, Joint Review Missions regularly visit States to monitor the work being done under SSA which is a tool for implementation of the RTE Act.

(d) Complaints against private schools regarding non-acceptance of students from economically weaker sections are forwarded to concerned States/UTs for redressal and necessary action.

**Submissions received from minority institutions
on New Education Policy**

216. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of submissions received on the New Education Policy (NEP) through public consultation;
- (b) the number of in-person consultations held by Government on the NEP;
- (c) the number of consultation submissions received from minority institutions, together with the details thereof and the expected publication date of the NEP; and
- (d) the reasons why the policy has not yet been published?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The Government of India has undertaken an unprecedented collaborative, multi-stakeholder and multi-pronged consultation process for formulating the New Education Policy (NEP). The three-pronged consultation process included online, grassroots and national level thematic deliberations.

The online consultation process was undertaken on *www.MyGov.in* portal from 26th January, 2015 to 31st October, 2015 and 29,109 suggestions have been received on the 33 identified themes.

An extensive, time-bound, participative, bottom-up consultative process across Gram Panchayats, Blocks, Urban Local Bodies, districts and all States/Union Territories was carried out between May to October, 2015. As on 22.02.2016, 1,10,534 villages, 3250 Blocks, 725 ULBs, 339 districts and 18 States in respect of School Education and, in respect of Higher Education, 2724 Blocks, 940 ULBs, 406 districts and 18 States have uploaded their suggestions on *https://survey.mygov.in*.

A number of in-person consultations have been held by the Government with stakeholder Ministries in the Government of India (GoI) and also with the State Governments on NEP. A High Level meeting was taken by Minister for Human Resource Development on 14.02.2015 to discuss the consultative process for formulation of New Education Policy and invite suggestions of other Ministries and Departments. In all, 15 GoI Ministries have sent their suggestions to MHRD.

A meeting was held by the Minister of Human Resource Development on 21st March, 2015 with Education Ministers, Education Secretaries and other senior officials of the State Governments in which the consultation process, including the process of uploading the recommendations on *My Gov.in* portal, was explained in detail and suggestions of States on the process as well as the themes were also invited. States were also requested to include additional themes, if felt necessary.

MHRD held thematic consultations through Apex level institutions and regulators, such as, UGC, AICTE, NCTE, AIU, NCERT, CBSE, HAS, NLMA, NAAC, NUEPA, IGNOU and Central Universities by inviting all relevant stakeholders including experts, academics, industry representatives, civil society etc. during July-October, 2015. It may be mentioned that NCERT, CBSE, NCTE and IGNOU held Pan -India consultations. Further, the Ministry held thematic consultations at the national level, in which experts having domain expertise as well stakeholders were invited for deliberations.

Six online talks with leading subject experts, field practitioner engagement through the UN Solutions Exchange platform (70 nos.), online survey by CBSE with over 15000 responses, youth survey and focus group discussions covering 6017 youth by the Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Education for Peace and Sustainable Development, UNESCO Category-I Institute in Asia Pacific were conducted as part of the public engagement. In addition, several organizations and individuals have sent in their views, suggestions, inputs through post and emails.

Minister for Human Resource Development wrote to all Hon'ble Members of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha in July, 2015 inviting their suggestions and considered views on the New Education Policy.

The consultation process was one of the agenda points in the meeting of Central Advisory Board on Education (CABE) held on 19th August, 2015. Views of all States and members of CABE were invited on the consultation process and the themes.

Six Zonal Meetings were held by the Minister of Human Resource Development in Eastern, Central, North-Eastern, Western, Southern and Northern Zones covering all

States and UTs during September-October 2015 which was attended by Education Ministers and officials of the respective States/UTs. The HRD Minister also held zone-wise interactions with district level officials and public representatives across the country *via* video conference.

(c) and (d) Suggestions on NEP have been received from nearly 30 Minority Institutions. Meanwhile, the Government of India has constituted a 'Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy'. The Committee consists of Shri T.S.R. Subramanian, Former Cabinet Secretary as the Chairman and Smt. Shailaja Chandra, former Chief Secretary, NCT of Delhi, Shri Sevaram Sharma, former Home Secretary, NCT of Delhi, Shri Sudhir Mankad, former Chief Secretary, Gujarat and Prof. J.S. Rajput, former Director, NCERT as members. The Committee has to examine the outcome documents, recommendations and suggestions received and formulate a draft National Education Policy as well as a Framework for Action (FFA) by the end of this month. All suggestions, including those received from Minority Institutions, have been forwarded to the Committee for Evolution of New Education Policy.

Comments received regarding no-detention policy

217. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of comments Government has received regarding the no-detention policy;
- (b) the responses received from each State regarding the no-detention policy;
- (c) the details of meetings/consultations held with education experts and stakeholders regarding this policy; and
- (d) whether Government intends to amend the Right to Education Act to allow removal of this policy?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) In pursuance of a resolution adopted in the 59th meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) held on 6th June, 2012, a Sub-Committee was constituted for assessment of implementation of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in the context of No-Detention provision in the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. The Sub Committee during the course of its work held 5 (five) regional meetings and consulted various stakeholders over the issue of No Detention. The Sub-Committee has submitted its