

Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Schools	793	1376	1104	890	363+841***

***Additional stream in Higher Secondary Schools.

Draft National Education Policy

705. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether imposition of the three language formula from primary level of school education as proposed in the Draft National Education Policy is under consideration; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) The Draft National Education Policy, 2019 submitted by the Committee for the Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan to the Ministry has been uploaded on MHRD's website and also at *innovate.mygov.in* platform to elicit suggestions and comments from various stakeholders including the public. The Government is committed towards the equal development and promotion of all Indian languages and is categorical that there will be no imposition of any language in educational institutions, nor discrimination against any language. The Three Language Formula was adopted in the National Policy on Education, 1968 and reiterated in National Policy on Education 1986/1992 and Draft NEP 2019 proposes its continuation with flexibility in the choice of languages. Also, suggestions/comments have been invited from the Government of India Ministries and State Governments. The Government will finalize the National Education Policy only after examining the inputs/suggestions and comments of all stakeholders.

Food quality under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme

706. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has a mechanism to ensure quality of mid-day meals and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of mechanism for ensuring safe and standard meal prepared, like qualified examiner, air-tight packaging, etc.;
- (c) whether budget was allocated for ensuring quality of food;