

**Upgradation of Universities to global
standards**

†2000. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on upgrading some universities and institutions of higher education in the country, to global standards;
- (b) if so, whether Government also proposes to make universities and other institutions located in the State of Gujarat as the ones meeting global standards; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (c) Institutions of Eminence scheme (IoE) has been launched in order to implement the commitment of the Government to empower the Higher Educational Institutions and to help them become world class teaching and research institutions. As per the Cabinet approval, 10 public and 10 private Universities/ Institutions have to be declared as IoE. As of now, 8 institutions in public category and 10 institutions in private category have been selected for declaration of IoE. The selection of the above Institutions/ Universities has been made on the recommendation of Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) and University Grants Commission (UGC) based on the merit of the Institution and not region-wise.

Amendments in the draft New Education Policy

2001. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has received the draft of New Education Policy from the Committee constituted in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has amended the draft New Education Policy to state that students are free to choose any language they wish to study in till grade five;

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(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the policy is under review by Government and if so, whether Government is considering to implement the policy very soon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (e) The Committee for the Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan submitted its report to the Ministry on 31st May, 2019. The Draft NEP 2019 which was uploaded on the Ministry's website and also at *innovate.mygov.in* platform has received a large number of suggestions/comments from all stakeholders including Government of India Ministries and State Governments. Based on the Draft NEP Report submitted by the Committee to Draft NEP, and the stakeholder feedback thereon, the process of finalizing the National Education Policy is currently ongoing and it is expected to be submitted for necessary approval shortly.

Vacant posts for SCs/ STs in Universities

†2002. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of vacant posts of teachers of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in various universities of the country; and

(b) if so, by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) The details of vacant teaching post for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in 41 Central Universities under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resource Development are given in the Statement (*See* below). The details in respect of State universities and others universities is not centrally maintained.

(b) Occurring and filling up of vacancies is an ongoing and continuous process.

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