

substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes such as Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deendayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated by Government *inter alia*, for facilitating self-employment.

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) enables a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood.

Make in India, Digital India, Swachh Bharat Mission, Smart City Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, Housing for All, Infrastructure development and Industrial corridors have the potential to generate productive employment opportunities.

Ministries/Departments/States run skill development schemes across various sectors to improve the employability of youth and also facilitate placements. Scheme such as the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) enhances employability of the youth to access employment.

Government has implemented the National Career Service (NCS) Project which comprises a digital portal that provides a nation-wide online platform for the job seekers and employers for job-matching in a dynamic, efficient and responsive manner and has a repository of career content to job seekers.

### **Objective of the New Education Policy**

2783. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce the New Education Policy;
- (b) if so, the main objective of the New Education Policy; and
- (c) whether Government has taken views and opinions of all the State Governments for the New Education Policy?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 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 by equipping its students with the necessary skills and knowledge and to eliminate the shortage of manpower in science, technology, arts and industry.

(c) 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, which was uploaded on MHRD's website and also at [innovate.mygov.in](http://innovate.mygov.in) to elicit comments and suggestions from the various stakeholders, including State Governments. An Education Dialogue was held with Hon'ble MPs of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Karnataka and Odisha on 31.07.2019, 01.08.2019 and 02.08.2019. Two meetings with State Education Secretaries of School Education and another with State Secretaries of Higher and Technical Education was held on 09.07.2019 and 08.08.2019 respectively. A special meeting of CABE on National Education Policy was also held on 21.09.2019, wherein among other participants, 26 Education Ministers of various States and UTs, representatives of States and Union Territories along with senior officials of the Central and State Governments attended the meeting. The process of finalizing the new National Education Policy is ongoing.

**Mandatory installations of air purifiers in Government schools**

2784. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install air purifiers in all Government schools in the major polluted cities to save the school children from air pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to issue such directives to the private schools as well?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (c) The Department of School Education and