

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2625
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021**

Implementation of new National Education Policy

2625. Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there would be a delay in rolling out new National Education Policy (NEP) due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) by when basic institutional structures of NEP are going to be in position; and
- (c) whether the State Governments are on board for the smooth implementation of NEP?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a): No Sir.

(b) and (c): As per National Education Policy 2020, implementation of the Policy requires multiple initiatives and actions, which will have to be taken by multiple bodies in a synchronized and systematic manner. Therefore, the implementation of this Policy will be led by various bodies including Ministry of Education, CBE, Union and State Governments, education-related Ministries, State Departments of Education, Boards, NTA, the regulatory bodies of school and higher education, NCERT, SCERTs, schools, and HEIs. NEP mentions about various timelines for important themes/subsets. The policy provides different timelines as well as principles and methodology for its implementation. Accordingly, Ministry and other implementing agencies under its purview have started taking initiatives towards implementation of NEP 2020. Moreover, this Ministry has communicated to all States/UT Governments for taking steps for implementation of NEP 2020. Ministry of Education had organised 'Shikshak Parv' from 8th September to 25th September, 2020 to deliberate on various themes and implementation of NEP 2020 aimed at eliciting suggestions. Ministry had also organised a Conference of Governors on "Role of National Education Policy in Transforming Higher Education". In the conference, Governors and Lt. Governors of State and Union Territories, Education Minister of State and UTs, Vice Chancellors of State Universities and other dignitaries participated. Further, a series of workshops have been held with States/UTs to address their apprehensions and also to discuss innovative ideas for NEP implementation.
