

**New education policy draft by Dec.**

In full swing: Union Minister Prakash Javadekar releases BJP pamphlets in Ahmedabad. Vijay Soneji

Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar said in Ahmedabad on Sunday that the Kasturirangan Committee on the new education policy was expected to submit its first draft by the end of December.

Mr. Javadekar, however, did not offer a clear date as to when the policy — expected for the past three years — would be implemented, saying this would happen well in time to ensure quality education from 2020 to 2040.

“In the leadership of Dr. Kasturirangan, an eight-member team was formed. Two days ago, they had a two-day meeting, which was their fifth meeting. They say they will give their first draft by December-end,” Mr. Javadekar said.

**To the next level**

“I can say with certainty that this new education policy will for the next 20 years take the country to the next level. It will offer a new vision of modern thought and growth in science, technology and human values. It will ensure that good human beings and good citizens are nurtured,” the Minister said.

Stressing that the exercise was going through wide consultations, he said, “It will ensure that the quality of education improves and research and innovation are facilitated. For this, a good policy is in the works. MPs and MLAs of all parties, educationists and teachers, those who run schools, parents and grandparents — all have offered lakhs of suggestions. Their inputs are being considered for this policy. The draft will be discussed and promptly implemented.”

**Ideal policy**

Asked by when this would happen, the Minister said, “The idea is to have an ideal policy effecting positive changes in education from 2020 to 2040. It will be implemented well in time for this.”

Earlier, a committee had been set up under the leadership of the former Cabinet Secretary TSR Subramanian to prepare a draft, which was eventually submitted but accepted just as “inputs” for the policy.

The Kasturirangan Committee was set up after the submission of this draft.

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