

**NATIONAL POLICY ON EDUCATION, 1986
&
PROGRAMME OF ACTION**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL POLICY ON EDUCATION,
1986 IN MIZORAM

1. Background Information :

The National Policy on Education, 1986 adopted by the parliament during the Budget session in 1986 and the Programme of Action for its implementation was discussed at various levels. Government of Mizoram has taken various steps to implement the directions of the policy involving the community, the teachers and various categories of officers working in the Education Department. All the agencies involved have shown a keen interest in the new policy and its programme of Action and accordingly made concerted efforts for its effective implementation in the state. As a result, the progress and achievements have been quite commendable. Achievements made and actions taken may be seen in the following pages.

2. Dissemination of the policy document :

To create favourable public opinion towards implementation of NPE, 1986 in Mizoram and to create general awareness of the policy among the teaching community and the public, the following actions were taken :

- 2.1 The policy document was translated in Mizo language and produced in printed forms. This is being distributed widely.
- 2.2 Article on National Policy on Education, 1986 was published through Educational Journal.
- 2.3 Some salient features of the policy was broadcasted from All India Radio, Aizawl.
- 2.4 Wider media coverage was done through local newspapers.

3. Constitution of Committees :

Two state level committees were constituted to oversee the implementation of the NPE, 1986 in Mizoram. The committees are :-

(a) Cabinet Sub-Committee : This committee was constituted vide Government of Mizoram's letter No.B. 12020/3/86-EDN Dated Aizawl the 2nd February 1987.

The committee comprises the following members :-

- (i) Chief Minister - Chairman
- (ii) Education Minister - Member
- (iii) Minister of Forests - Member

Constitution of this Cabinet Sub-Committee was done in pursuance of Prime Minister's letter Dated 30th July 1986.

(b) High Level Committee of Officers : This committee was constituted to monitor and oversee the implementation of New Education Policy vide Government of Mizoram's letter No.B.12020/3/86-EDN dated the 22nd January, 1987. The committee consists of the following members :

- (i) Chief Secretary - Chairman
- (ii) Development Commissioner - Member
- (iii) Education Secretary - Member
- (iv) Secretary, Health Services - Member
- (v) Secretary, Information & Rural Development - Member
- (vi) Director of Education - Member-Secretary
- (vii) Joint Director of Adult Education - Member
- (viii) Deputy Director, SCERT. - Member
- (ix) Shri Rongenga, Teacher Gov't High School, Aizawl - Member
- (x) Shri Lalzui thanga, Teacher Middle School, Tuikual - Member

4. Programmes of Action suggested :

The High Level Committee of officers had met once (DT.30th March 1987). In the meeting some priority actions points were discussed. They are the following :

4.1 Improvement of the Working and Living Conditions of Teachers (POA - PP 74,185 - 189) :

The need of improving working and living conditions of teachers was discussed. The meeting decided that Sub-Committee or cell be formed to look into this. Accordingly, a cell consisting of the following members was formed.

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| (i) Education Secretary | - | Chairman |
| (ii) Director of Education | - | Vice Chairman |
| (iii) Jt. Director of Education (E) | - | Convener |
| (iv) President, MBSE | - | Member |
| (v) President, MESTA | - | Member |
| (vi) President, MHSTA | - | Member |
| (vii) Dr. Hom. Choudhury, PUC | - | Member |
| (viii) President, PTA | - | Member |

4.2 Formulation of guidelines for posting and transfer of teachers :

To formulate general guidelines of posting and transfer of teachers, the meeting formed a cell consisting of the following members.

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| (i) Joint Director of Education | - | Chairman |
| (ii) Secretary, MHSTA | - | Member |
| (iii) Secretary, MESTA | - | Member |
| (iv) Secretary, PTA | - | Member |
| (v) Principal, ITI, Aizawl | - | Member |
| (vi) District Education Officer, Aizawl 'E' | - | Member |
| (vii) District Education Officer, Aizawl 'W' | - | Convener. |

4.3 Evaluation of Teacher's Performances :

In order to take up this and to develop Evaluation tool of Teacher's performances, a Cell consisting of the following members was formed.

- (i) Shri F.Lallura, Deputy Director, SCERT. - Chairman
- (ii) Shri Budhi Raja Sr.A.O, MBSE - Member
- (iii) Shri Lalchhuanliana, Lecturer - Member
- (iv) Shri Lalchhuana Kenglawt, TTI - Member
- (v) Prof. Varporhi Khiangte MIE - Member
- (vi) Shri R.Laltawnga Lecturer, SCERT - Convener.

4.4 All India Educational Survey :

In order to take up this job effectively, a state survey unit was set up in the Education Department with Director of Education acting as Ex-officio Director and Deputy Director, SCERT as State Survey Officer. The survey is nearing its completion. The state level report is expected to be ready by end of December 1987.

4.5 Operation BlackBoard (OB) :

The scheme for a substantial improvement in facilities in Primary Education, symbolically known as 'Operation Blackboard' (FOA PP 15-17) is one of the priority programmes in the state. Being an urgent scheme, survey was conducted in 20% of the community Blocks.

The project proposal prepared on the basis of the survey findings was submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Govt. of India. The project proposal has, however, to be revised.

Also, monitoring system has yet to be evolved. State Level Empowered committee (SLEC) has also been formed. This committee will examine the project proposal under the scheme.

4.6 School Mapping :

As National Policy on Education, 1986 laid ~~only~~ emphasis on adoption of school mapping techniques for expansion and rationalisation of educational facilities at elementary and secondary stages of education, a five-day Training Workshop on school mapping was organised at Aizawl from 24-28 August 1987. The NIEPA faculty members provided technical assistance.

During the workshop, participants developed survey schedules I & II.

Decision has yet to be taken by Government of Mizoram for adoption of this technique of locational planning of schools.

4.7 Setting up of School Complexes :

Realising the need of setting up school complexes as laid down in the Programme of Action (PP 203-204). The High level committee passed a resolution in its first meeting to the effect that school complex be set up in the state in a phased manner. SCERT was entrusted to develop guidelines.

The question of setting up School Complexes was also discussed in the workshop organised for Education officers on 24 - 28 August 1987. Implementation strategies for school complexes was evolved (Report of Training Workshop PP 18 - 24).

It is gratifying to note that NIEPA is going to produce multiple copies of workshop report for wide circulation to all State/UT Governments and MHRD.

Also, State Level Committee has been formed by Government of Mizoram to oversee the progress etc of the school clusters.

4.8 National Scheme for Inservice Training of Teachers :

This scheme popularly known as 'Massive Teacher's Training' has been accorded priority in our state Programme of Action from 1986. This challenging task was undertaken by the SCERT.

In 1986, we could achieve our target i.e. training of 927 school teachers, the achievement in terms of per cent being 100. This is one of the best at the National Level.

In 1987, we could achieve only 70% of our targets target being 1000, and achievement was 702 school teachers.

This training programme will continue to form an integral part of our state's Programme of Action till 1990.

One outstanding and notable achievement was the production of printed copies of training materials for school teachers. State Government has kindly sanctioned a sum of Rs 70,000/- for production of required materials.

4.9 Non-Formal Education :

Under the new programme of Non-Formal Education envisaged in the Programme of Action (POA PP 17 - 21) an innovative project on Non-Formal Education was prepared and submitted to Govt. of India, MHRD. The project, if approved, will be started in are educationally Backward Block.

In addition to the above, some Non-Formal Learning centres are being opened under the UNICEF Assisted Project 'CAPE'. Facilitators' Training had already been organised by the SCERT.

4.10 Vocationalisation of Education :

This was discussed in the first meeting of High level committee of officers. The meeting decided that survey of Employment opportunities be conducted by Educational and Vocational Guidance unit of the SCERT. The survey findings may be expected this year.

The matter will be discussed in some details when State Council of Vocational Education (SCVE) is formed.

4.11 Improvement of Teacher Education :

Keeping in view particular importance given by NTE and its Programme of Action to training of school teachers, efforts are being made to improve the professional competence of the school teachers.

Government of Mizoram has constituted Task Force vide No B.12019/27/34-EDN dated the 7th October 1987 to work on the improvement of Teacher Education Programmes at the Elementary and Secondary Education Level. The Task Force consist of the following members :

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| (i) Director of Education | - | Chairman |
| (ii) President, MBSE | - | Vice Chairman |
| (iii) Jt. Director of Education (E) | - | Member |
| (iv) Jt. Director of Adult Education | - | Member |
| (v) Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Reader, NEHU | - | Member |
| (vi) Principal, T.T.I., Aizawl | - | Member |
| (vii) Science Promotion Officer | - | Member |
| (viii) Deputy Director, SCERT | - | Member-Secretary |
| (ix) Representative | - | Member |
| (x) FAO, Directorate of Industries | - | Member. |

The following tasks will be undertaken by the TASK FORCE.

- (a) Setting up of DIET.
- (b) Improvement of College of Teacher Education.
- (c) Strengthening of SCERT.

4.12 Management of education :

Setting up of the following mechanism is being contemplated.

- (i) Setting of the State Advisory Board of Education
- (ii) Setting up of District Board of Education.
- (iii) Formation of Village Education Committee.

4.13 Environmental Education :

An innovative project on Environmental Education (CSS) is under consideration.

4.14 Revision of School Curriculum :

Revision of the School curriculum in the context of national curriculum frame work is being taken by various sub-committees appointed by Mizoram Board of School Education.

4.15 Education of the Handicapped :

This programme has been running in some selected 10 schools the State with financial assistance from the Central Government. But the scheme could not be extended to another 10(ten) additional schools due to non-creation of the posts resource teachers.

4.16 Media and Educational Technology :

Educational Technology Cell, SCERT is entrusted to implement this programme. However, the programme could not be effectively implemented due to lack of proper support -.

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4.17. Navodaya Vidyalaya :

As proposed, three Navodaya Vidyalayas will be opened in all the three districts of Mizoram, two will be started in 1987, one at Thenzawl, Aizawl District and the other at Lunglei in Lunglei District. The third one will be opened in 1988. Admission Test to class VI had already been conducted and recruitment of teachers is being processed. Before Navodaya Vidyalaya buildings are constructed at Thenzawl and Lunglei, suitable buildings belonging to other departments will be used for running Navodaya Vidyalaya. State Advisory Committees for Aizawl District and Lunglei District have also been formed. These committees have been taking necessary steps for effective running of the Navodaya Vidyalayas in their respective districts. As regards Chhimituipui District, suitable land/site is being negotiated with the State Govt. for locating the Navodaya Vidyalaya in that area.

4.18. Higher Education :

1. Background

These are eleven colleges in Mizoram, all affiliated to North Eastern Hill University. The number of enrolment during 1987-88 in the colleges is 4508 with 293 teaching staff. Science department are opened in three colleges- upto Pre-University level in two colleges and B.Sc. in one college. Home Science is taught in Zirtiri Womens College only. Subjects like Commerce, Geography, Sociology and Mathematics are taught in some of the Arts Colleges. Apart from subjects like Psychology, Geology, Sociology, Commerce, Statistics, Science, Vocational courses in swine production, horticulture and secretarial practice are opened in the Paohbunga University college.

The North Eastern Hill University opened a campus in Aizawl for teaching Master degree courses in Economics, English, Education, Psychology and Public Administration and Pro-Vice-Chancellor and a Deputy Registrar with supporting staff are posted at Aizawl.

5 NEW PROGRAMME AND PLANS AS PER NPE :

5.1 Training

As the teachers in Mizoram colleges do not receive any training or Orientation, the Directorate of Education, Mizoram in collaboration with NIEPA, New Delhi is organising Orientation Programme from 20-24th Oct. 1987 and 27-31st Oct. 1987 at Aizawl for colleges in Mizoram with coverage of all Principals and Lecturers with a view to implement the NPE 1986. The programme is divided into two batches, first batch consisting of Principals and Senior Lecturers and second batch consisting of Junior Lecturers.

5.2 Research Fellowship

To implement the NPE 1986 the Govt. is encouraging research in various fields/subjects among the college teachers. With a view to increase the existing numbers of Research Fellowship awards which is granted annually from 10 to 20, the existing Mizoram Research Fellowship Rules is being proposed to be revised with new name Mizoram Research Fellowship Regulations. In the proposed revised Regulations, it is proposed a provision for an annual contingent grant of Rs. 5,000/- for 10 person who are not receiving the Research Fellowship awards.

5.3 Mizoram Aided College Service Rules

As there is no approved service rules for Non-Govt. aided colleges in Mizoram till date, a rule for aided colleges is being proposed for Govt. approval. Under this proposed rules, all employees of Non-Govt. colleges will be provided pension, gratuity, medical grants, conveyance advance etc. as is entitled to their counterparts.

in the service of Govt. colleges/institutions. The said rule is being proposed with a view to implement the NPE,1986.

5.4 Facilities to Colleges

With a view to implement the NPE,1986, the Govt. is and will be providing the existing colleges with adequate teaching staff, buildings, such as college main building, hostel for boys and girls, college hall, staff quarters, and also water reservoir, good libraries, laboratory equipment and playground. It is also intended to open science department in more colleges on phased manner.

The Annual Plan of 1987-88 and 1988-89 are made on the basis of the above programme.

5.5 The Govt. is examining the question of recommending a particular college for an autonomous status during the Seventh Plan.

5.6 As recommended by the NPE, a state Council of Higher Education will be constituted at the earliest as soon as this Govt. receive intimation from the UGC, New Delhi with detail instructions for the constitution of the said council.

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