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Professor Bratya Basu, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Education, Govt. of West Bengal, Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

Sub: NEP 2020 and its implementation in our state.

Respected Sir,

With reference to the subject mentioned above we, on behalf of our Association would like to mention following points.

In order to frame the State Education policy on the basis of the NEP 2020, two committees were constituted by the Department of Education, Govt. of West Bengal. However, for some reason not known to us, the recommendations of these committees have not been published even today. It is worth mentioning here that number of times we requested your good office to publish the recommendations of these committees so that the academicians in our state get the opportunity to discuss the same and may provide constructive suggestions for the interest of the education at large.

Few months back Department of Education, Govt. of West Bengal issued order for the implementation of F.Y.U.P (Four-year Undergraduate Program) from the current academic session. This time also there was no scope for any discussion about creation of adequate infrastructure and about the outcome of such hasty implementation.

Subsequently, we came to know from electronic and print media that State Govt. for the interest of the students in our state has accepted only the F.Y.U.P and not the NEP 2020 as a whole.

Surprisingly, within a few days, again from the media it was known that the State Education Policy, accepting majority recommendations of NEP-2020, has been passed by the State Ministry. Next it will be placed in the Assembly.

In the entire process the academicians and the teachers of our state were not given any opportunity to either discuss or debate on this issue. We believe any education system can be made strong and perfect only through constructive discussions, debates and deliberations. So we on behalf of our association request you to do the needful so that the academicians get the scope to share their ideas and views on this issue before the State Education Policy is transformed into the bill.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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