

people to get sterilised as a population control measure, he added.

He said similar orders have been sent to all districts.

The Karauli district collector also doesn't remember issuing any order.

educational institutions take a cue from the school, and come up with similar schemes aimed at honouring Armymen.

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Edu policy causing distrust: Minority institutes to Centre

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NEW DELHI: A new education policy proposed by the government could infringe upon the rights of minorities, a host of institutions representing different communities have said, expressing fears of right-wing ideology replacing secular views in text books.

The HRD ministry had sought suggestions on a proposed education policy from all sections for framing the final document, which is aimed at ushering changes in the structure of education from primary to higher.

In their representations, the institutions raised concerns over reports on the BJP-led government's move to impose yoga, Sanskrit and the ancient gurukul system of learning, saying that they will increase marginalisa-

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tion of Muslim community. They have also urged the government to include educationalists from diverse regions and communities for framing the final policy.

HT has copies of their inputs to the government.

Opposition parties and minority organisations fear that the government's move to change

the education policy was a ploy to impose Hindutva ideology in textbooks, rewrite history to erase names of people the right-wing ruling alliance sees as conquerors and mass murderers.

Consultations on the policy started during the tenure of the previous HRD minister Smriti Irani. However, it courted controversy after some of the suggestions were found to be regressive by educationists. Her successor, Prakash Javadekar, restarted the discussion on by inviting suggestions from various political parties, educationists and institutions.

"The preamble of draft talks about Nalanda (700 BC) and then suddenly jumps to 1968. Why there is no mention of Muslim rulers?...", the state minority commission for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh said.

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The Chennai-based Muslim Higher Secondary School in Chennai said there was no need for a common national curriculum. "(In a) country like India which has social, ethnic, cultural diversities, it is necessary to address these diversities in curriculum which a common curriculum cannot address".

St Alphonsa English Medium School in Andhra Pradesh said the draft of the policy that has

been put in public domain is creating insecurity and anxiety among minority.

“The draft of NEP-2016 does not recognise the contribution of minority communities in field of education,” it said.

A number of them have said the proposed policy is creating a feeling of distrust and building up anxiety among minority institutions concerning their rights.