

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1604
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022**

Decrease in expenditure on education

1604 SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that spending on education has decreased from 11.4 percentage of the total Government expenditure in 2011-12 to 10.4 per cent in 2020-21;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the decline in expenditure;
- (c) the details of expenditure on education since the last five years, year-wise;
- (d) whether Government has any data on the number of teacher positions vacant in primary, upper primary and higher secondary schools; and
- (e) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

- (a) & (c) As per Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education, the total Government Expenditure on Education has increased from Rs. 3,33,930.39 crore in 2011-12 to Rs. 8,93,186.21 crore in 2019-20. In terms of percentage of total Government Expenditure on Education to Total Budget, there is increase from 14.84% in 2011-12 to 16.07% in 2019-20. The details of the total Government Expenditure on Education from 2015-16 to 2019-20, year-wise is as below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	2015-16 (Actual)	2016-17 (Actual)	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (RE)	2019-20 (BE)
Expenditure on Education	5,77,792.51	6,53,099.34	6,62,151.45	7,87,440.74	8,93,186.21

- (d) & (e) Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution. The recruitment, service conditions and deployment of teachers come under the purview of the respective State and Union Territory (UT) Government. The recruitment of teachers in schools is a continuous process and the vacancies keep arising due to retirement, resignation and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength/new schools. However, Ministry of Education requests the States and UT Governments for filling-up the vacant posts of teachers and their rational deployment, through Review meetings and advisories from time to time.
