

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3076
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30-03-2022**

National Scheme of Incentives to girls for Secondary Education

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

- (a) the amount sanctioned and spent on the National Scheme of Incentives to girls for Secondary Education during the last five years; and
- (b) the number of applicants and beneficiaries of the said scheme for the year 2021-22?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) & (b): The centrally sponsored scheme - "National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE)" was launched in 2008. The amount sanctioned under NSIGSE for the financial years 2016-17 to 2020-21 is as follows:

S. No.	Financial Year	Amount sanctioned (₹ in Crores)
1.	2016-17	44.27
2.	2017-18	292.00
3.	2018-19*	164.52
4.	2019-20 [#]	8.56
5.	2020-21	NIL

*Amount sanctioned for backlog proposals only.

[#]Amount sanctioned for court case.

Due to inherent issues in the design and implementation of the NSIGSE Scheme, it was discontinued w.e.f. the year 2018-19. However, this Ministry remains strongly committed to the education of girl child, specially those belonging to SC and ST and other disadvantaged groups. Education of girl child is a critical component in various interventions of the Department of School Education. Several measures for education of girls are being implemented through the flagship scheme of Samagra Shiksha being operated by this Department. Some of them are as follows:-

- Up-gradation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) from Class 6-8 to Class 6-12, which mainly cater to SC, ST and BPL girl students.

- Self-defence training for girls from upper primary to senior secondary stage.
- Enhanced commitment to 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'.
- Enhanced Transport facility for access to school.
- Allocation for uniforms under RTE Act enhanced from Rs. 400 to Rs. 600 per child per annum.
- Allocation for textbooks under the RTE Act, enhanced from Rs. 150/250 per child per annum to Rs.250/400 per child per annum.
- Allocation for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) increased from Rs. 3000 per child per annum to Rs. 3500 per child per annum. Stipend of Rs. 200 per month for Girls with Special Needs from Classes 1 to 12.
- Provision of gender segregated toilets in all schools under Samagra Shiksha: In response to the clarion call made by the Prime Minister on 15 August, 2014, the Department of School Education & Literacy launched the Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative (SVI) in collaboration with State and UT Governments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) & Private Corporates for provision of separate toilets for girls and boys in all Government Schools. 97.36% Government Schools have separate Girls toilet as per UDISE+ 2019-20.

The details of funds sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha for FY 2021-22 is as under:-

(Rs. in Lakh)		
S. No.	Components	Amount
1	Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs)	2,43,998.06
2	Rani Laxmi Bai Atmaraksha Prashikshan (Self defense training to Girls)	11,657.76
3	Transport Allowance Approved under Samagra Shiksha (includes Children in remote habitation, Urban deprived children and transport allowances, transport voucher under innovation head etc.)	22,913.81
4	Uniforms to all girls, SC, ST children and Below Poverty Line (BPL) children up to class VIII	4,91,952.50
5	Provision of free text-books up to Class VIII to all children	2,86,055.88
6	Stipend for CwSN Girls	12,257.66
7	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (NSCB) Awasiya Vidyalayas and Hostels	36025.27
8	Incinerator & Sanitary Pad Vending Machines	5606.07