

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.15
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022**

Collection of education cess to improve the education sector

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the collection of education cess is beneficial for improving the education sector and student community in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of amount collected through educational cess for the last three years;
- (d) apportionment of the said amount for the last three years, State-wise; and
- (e) whether there is any criteria or guidelines for utilization of this amount, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. For the education sector, the Health & Education Cess bridges the gap between the available Budgetary Support and estimated requirements to finance the universalized quality basic education and secondary and higher education.

(c) & (d) The details of the amount collected through Health & Education Cess for the last three years is:

(Rupees in crore)

S.No.	Collection of Cess	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Health & Education Cess	39131.09	35821.54	47307.70

[Source: Ministry of Finance]

Apportionment of the said amount for the education sector for the last three years is:

(Rupees in crore)

S.No.	Details	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Primary Education Cess	19565.55	17910.77	25212.89
2	Secondary & Higher Education Cess	9782.77	8955.39	12606.44

[Source: Ministry of Finance]

(e) The funds apportioned to Primary Education Cess are utilized as per the guidelines for implementation of the Samagra Shiksha Scheme and Pradhan Mantri- Poshan Shakti Nirman Scheme (PM-Poshan). The funds apportioned to Secondary & Higher Education Cess are utilized for various schemes of the Ministry of Education, and utilised as per extant scheme guidelines.
