

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON-29/03/2023

PROPORTION OF GDP SPENT ON EDUCATION SECTOR

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) what proportion of the GDP will be spent on the education sector this year;
- (b) whether it is in line with the provisions of NEP 2020;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) by when Government plans to bring this proportion to the level prescribed in NEP, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d) One of the fundamental principles of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) is 'substantial investment in a strong, vibrant public education system as well as the encouragement and facilitation of true philanthropic private and community participation'. Accordingly, NEP 2020 unequivocally endorses and envisions a substantial increase in public investment in education by both the Central Government and all State Governments. The Centre and the States will work together to increase the public investment in Education sector to reach 6% of GDP at the earliest.

NEP 2020 provides different timelines as well as principles and methodology for its implementation. The Ministry, its implementing agencies, regulatory bodies, State/UT Governments, other stakeholder Ministries/Departments, etc have started taking initiatives towards implementation of NEP 2020.

In this regard, the Central Government has increased its Budget allocation of Ministry of Education (MoE) from Rs. 93,224.31 Crore for the year 2021-22, to Rs. 1,04,277.72 Crore for the year 2022-23 and to Rs. 1,12,899.47 Crore for the year 2023-24.

As per the latest Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education, the total expenditure on education (Central Government and States/UTs put together) as a percentage of GDP, for the year 2020-21, is 4.64%
