

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No - 3713
ANSWERED ON-05/04/2023

GENDER INCLUSION FUND

3713 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**
Dr. John Brittas:

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

- (a) whether a Gender Inclusion Fund (GIF) has been set up to provide equitable quality education for all girls as well as transgender students;
- (b) if so, details of the fund thereof;
- (c) details of allocation of fund so far and the proportion of the fund allocated to transgender students; and
- (d) if not, reasons for the same?

A N S W E R

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

(a) to (d): National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 provides for setting up Gender Inclusion Fund (GIF) to build nation's capacity to provide equitable quality education for all girls as well as transgender students. NEP, 2020 identifies transgender children as Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs). The above objectives of NEP for equitable and quality education for girls and transgender children are being met through specific provisions under Samagra Shiksha 2.0 by allocating dedicated resources for SEDGs. This includes provisions for assisting transgender children in gaining access to education, support for community-based interventions that address local context-specific barriers to transgender children's access to and participation in education, thereby aiming to eliminate any remaining disparity in access to education (including vocational education) for children from any gender or other SEDGs. The details of such provisions and resources allocated under Samagra Shiksha 2.0 for the year 2022-23 are as under:

		<i>(Rs. in lakh)</i>
S. No.	Particulars	Amount
1	Provision of free text-books up to Class VIII to all children.	300638.19
2	Uniforms to all girls, SC, ST children and Below Poverty Line children up to class VIII	466358.26
3	Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas	383475.78
4	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalayas and Hostels	55857.61
5	Rani Laxmi Bai Atmaraksha Prashikshan (Self defense training to Girls)	32189.48
6	Incinerator & Sanitary Pad Vending Machines	6022.84
7	Stipend for CWSN Girls	11610.08

(Source: Prabandh)