

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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FUNDS ALLOCATED TO STATES BASED ON GER OR POPULATION OF THE STATE

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is only 27 per cent while Tamil Nadu's GER is 51.4 per cent but the funds allocated to States are not based on GER performance but on State's total population;

(b) if so, the details thereof and comparison regarding the GER of large States in the country; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to allocate funds from education cess or from Consolidated Fund of India to various States for sustainable quantitative and qualitative growth of education to achieve targets set in the New Education Policy and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b) The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of Higher Education, based on the population projections of 2011 for the year 2020-21, as per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-21 is 27.3. The State-wise GER is available at <https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl ques>.

In Higher Education, funds are provided to States/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Siksha Abhiyan (RUSA). Under the scheme, State/UT Governments submit their proposals as per the identified needs of higher education sector in their respective States/UTs based on norms set under the scheme. Approval of proposals is done by the Project Approval Board of RUSA in which States/UTs participate as members of the Board.

(c) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 unequivocally endorses and envisions a substantial increase in public investment in education both by the Central Government and all

State Governments. The Centre and States work together to increase the public investment in education Sector to reach 6 % of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

As per the publication “Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education 2018-19 to 2020-21”, Public Expenditure (Centre and States) on Education in India is 4.64% of GDP in 2020-21, which has grown from 3.84% in 2013-14 (an overall growth of about 21% over the period).

In this regard, the Ministry of Education has been allocated a record Budget of more than One Lakh Crore rupees in the financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24.
