

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-666**  
ANSWERED ON-08/02/2023

**EDUCATION BUDGET**

666 # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

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

(a) whether Government has received a suggestion to increase the education budget to 6 per cent of the General Budget during implementation of the National Education Policy 2020;

(b) percentage of the General Budget currently being spent on education;

(c) year-wise details of increase made in the expenditure on education during last five years; and

(d) details of the steps taken by the Government towards spending more funds in the education sector?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d) The National Education Policy (NEP 2020) unequivocally endorses and envisions a substantial increase in public investment in education by both the Central Government and all State Governments to reach 6% of GDP. The National Education Policy 2020 also calls for the rejuvenation, active promotion, and support for private philanthropic activity in the education sector. Timely infusion of requisite resources- human, infrastructural and financial- at the Central and State level is crucial for the satisfactory execution of the Policy. Ministry has written to all its implementing agencies, regulatory bodies, State/UT Governments, other stakeholder Ministries/Departments, etc for taking steps for implementation of NEP 2020. Ministry of Education, other relevant Ministries/Departments, State/UT Governments and implementing agencies under their purview have started taking initiatives towards implementation of NEP 2020.

The Ministry of Education has been allocated a record budget of more than Rs. 1 lakh crore in 2022-23 and 2023-24.

As per Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education, 2020-21 the total expenditure on education as a percentage of GDP is 4.64% and total expenditure on education (Centre and Stats/UTs) from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is as below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	2016-17 (Actual)	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (RE)	2020-21 (BE)
Total Expenditure on Education (Centre & States/UTs)	653099.33	662151.45	736581.25	863117.55	919145.19

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