

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1464
ANSWERED ON-02/08/2023

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR EDUCATION

1464 Shri Harbhajan Singh:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the need for increasing budgetary allocation for education in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any innovative steps in the last three years to make education inclusive; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b) The National Education Policy, 2020 (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 States will work together to increase the public investment in Education sector.

Towards this end, 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.

(c) & (d) The Government has taken several steps to make education inclusive and encourage the students from Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) students, Other Backward Caste (OBC) students, and minorities, which inter-alia include the following :-

- i. Education and Skill Textbooks in Indian languages are being brought out and recently Textbooks in 12 Indian Languages were released in the recent Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam. Similarly All India Council of Higher Education (AICTE) has released entire course books for 1st Year of Engineering and Polytechnic subjects in Indian Languages. These would facilitate students, particularly from vernacular background and bring about greater inclusivity in pursuing Higher Studies.
- ii. Examinations like JEE, NEET etc are conducted in 13 Indian languages, to facilitate the students of SC/ST/OBC/rural/vernacular background.

iii. Various fellowship and scholarship schemes for providing financial assistance to students including for SC/ST/OBC and Minority students are being implemented, details of which are available in the following websites:

Sl. No.	Ministry/Department	Website links
1.	Department of Higher Education	https://www.education.gov.in/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan
2.	University Grants Commission	https://frg.ugc.ac.in
3.	All India Council for Technical Education	https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes
4.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat
5.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx
6.	Ministry of Minority Affairs	https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/show_content.php?lang=1&level=2&ls_id=669&lid=825

iv. Certain relaxations in eligibility conditions in UGC-Junior Research Fellowship for SC/ST students are provided

v. Hostels for SC/ST students are constructed under the Campus Accommodation & Facilities Enhancing Social Experience (CAFES) of AICTE

vi. The University Grants Commission is implementing the following Schemes for weaker sections, including minorities:

- Remedial Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer), and Minority Community Students
- Coaching Classes for Entry into Services for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) and Minority Community Students
- Coaching For National Eligibility Test or State Eligibility Test for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creams Layer), and Minority Community Students
