

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 95
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR EDUCATION

95 DR.V. SIVADASAN:

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

- (a) the amount allocated for education to the Ministry of Education in Union Budget as a percentage of GDP of the country, the year-wise details since 2021;
- (b) the amount allocated for education in Union Budget, Budget Estimates and Actual Expenditure, since 2021, year-wise details; and
- (c) whether there are plans to raise the expenditure on education to 6 per cent of GDP?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 95 ANSWERED ON 4th DECEMBER, 2024 REGARDING BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR EDUCATION ASKED BY DR.V. SIVADASAN, HON'BLE MP:

(a) & (b) Education is in the Concurrent list, and both Central and State/UT Governments share the responsibility for education. Majority of the educational institutions are within the administrative jurisdiction of the States/UTs. The expenditure incurred by the Central Government is about **25%** of total government spending on education. At Centre, in addition to the expenditure on education by the M/o Education, the spending of other Ministries/Department on education related activities like training, research, and development etc. also forms parts of the total expenditure on education. Similarly, at State/UT level, the expenditure incurred by the D/o Education as well as spending of other Departments on education related activities forms the total spending on education at the State/UT level.

The budget allocation for Ministry of Education in Union Budget as a percentage of GDP of the country is as under:

Budget Allocation of M/o Education as percentage of GDP

Year	Budgeted Expenditure (In Rs. Crores)	Actual Expenditure (In Rs. Crores)	Budgeted Expenditure as % of GDP
2021-22	93,224	80,830	0.4
2022-23	1,04,278	97,885	0.4
2023-24	1,12,899	1,01,362	0.4

However, since the total spending on education also includes the expenditure by other Department on education at Centre and expenditure on education by all States/UTs (both by their D/o Education and other Departments), so for a comprehensive understanding of education expenditure in India, it is essential to consider contributions from all relevant Ministries and Departments at both the Central and State/UT levels.

As per latest “Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education 2019-20 to 2021-22”, the budget expenditure on Education for Centre/States/UTs (All Ministries and All Departments) is and their percentage share in GDP for year 2021-22 is as under:

Total Budget Allocation on Educations as percentage of GDP for 2021-22

Details	States/UTs	Centre			Centre & States/UTs
		Ministry of Education	Other Ministries	Total	
Expenditure (Rs. In Crore)	7,28,707	93,224	1,45,250	2,38,469	9,67,177
% Share of GDP	3.1	0.4	0.62	1.02	4.12

(c) 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 to reach 6% of GDP. As far as Ministry of Education is concerned, there has been increase in budget allocation from Rs. 93,224 crore (2021-22) to Rs. 1,12,899 crore (2023-24), which is around 21.1 % increase. As per latest “Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education 2019-20 to 2021-22”, total expenditure on education (including all Central Ministries and all States/UTs) as percentage of GDP stands at 4.12% (for the year 2021-22).
