

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 31
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education

31 Shri Sandosh Kumar P.:

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

- (a) the current status of the implementation of Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education (MERITE);
- (b) the States in which the project was initiated and the total funds allotted for each State;
- (c) whether the project is to be introduced in the State of Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) IN RESPECT OF
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REGARDING MULTIDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
IMPROVEMENT IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION ASKED BY SHRI SANDOSH
KUMAR P.**

(a) to (e): Based on the reforms envisioned in NEP 2020, a scheme namely, MERITE (Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education) is at the formulation stage. The aim of the scheme is to address the challenges of quality, equity and institutional governance in the Technical Education Sector having components related to teaching/learning, research and governance. The scheme covers all States/UTs, including Kerala. Allocation of funds to State/UTs depends upon the number of institutions selected from that state/UT. As the scheme is in formulation stage, initiation/implementation of the scheme has not started.
