

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1964  
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025**

**Fund allocation under MERITE**

1964 Smt. Jebi Mather Hisham:

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

- (a) the details of the total allocation and actual spending under the Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education (MERITE) project;
- (b) the funds received from the World Bank under the MERITE project during last five years;
- (c) whether Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal or sought financial allocation under MERITE, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken to expedite approval of Kerala's proposal, and whether the State will receive timely assistance to strengthen technical education through the MERITE initiative?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

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(a) to (d): 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 and funding from the World Bank has not started. So far, expenditure of about Rs 13.49 Crore has been incurred on the preparatory activities.

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