

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

**RAJYA SABHA
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Implementation of MERITE project

1968 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) funds received from the World Bank under the MERITE project since its inception;
- (c) whether Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal or sought financial allocation under MERITE, if so, details thereof; and
- (d) what action has been 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): In order to improve the quality, equity and institutional governance in Technical Education, the MERITE (Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education) scheme has been approved with a total outlay of Rs. 4200 crore for a period of five years with support of Rs 2100 Crore from World Bank. All States/UTs including Kerala are covered under this scheme. Allocation of funds to a State/UT depends upon the number of institutions selected from that State/UT. So far, expenditure of about Rs 13.88 Crore has been incurred on the preparatory activities.
