

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2073
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025

GENDER INCLUSION FUND

2073. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise and year-wise details of the funds allocated, sanctioned, disbursed and expended from the Gender Inclusion Fund since 2020;
- (b) the contribution of the Fund in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to gender equality and quality education;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to ensure that that the funds allocated under the Gender Inclusion Fund are utilized efficiently at the State and district levels; and
- (d) whether Government has data on the contribution of the Fund in increasing the enrolment and retention of girls in schools to enable beneficiaries with the quality education, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (d): National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 provides for setting up Gender Inclusion Fund (GIF) to build nation's capacity to provide equitable quality education for all girls as well as transgender students. The above objectives of NEP for equitable and quality education for girls and transgender children are being met through specific provisions under Samagra Shiksha 2.0 by allocating dedicated resources for Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs). This includes provisions for assisting all children in gaining access to education, support for community-based interventions for girls and transgenders that address local context-specific barriers to their access to and participation in education, thereby aiming to eliminate any remaining disparity in access to education (including skill education) for children from any gender or other SEDGs.

The details of such provisions and resources allocated under Samagra Shiksha for the year 2025-26 are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	Particulars	Amount
1	Provision of free text-books up to Class VIII to all children.	2,83,237.62
2	Uniforms to all girls, SC, ST children and Below Poverty Line children up to class VIII	4,14,712.79
3	Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas	4,49,815.74

4	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalayas and Hostels	69,734.03
5	Rani Laxmi Bai Atmaraksha Prashikshan (Self-defense training to Girls)	22,333.35
6	Incinerator & Sanitary Pad Vending Machines	73.33
7	Stipend for CWSN Girls	11,120.52

(Source: Prabandh)

Gender Budget of the Department of School Education and Literacy reflects expenditure on schemes and initiatives aimed at promoting the education and empowerment of girls. The Gender Budget detail from FY 2020-21 to 2024-25 are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

S.No.	Year	Revised Estimate	Actuals
1	2020-21	15325.56	15253
2	2021-22	15232.13	13750
3	2022-23	19775.19	17273
4	2023-24	19931.00	19653
5	2024-25	22729.42	-

The details of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), Gender Parity Index (GPI) and Retention Rate are as under:

Indicators		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)	Foundational (Pre-Primary to Class II)	42.5	41.6	41.4
	Preparatory (Class III to Class V)	98.9	97.7	97.0
	Middle (Class VI to Class VIII)	91.2	90.3	92.5
	Secondary (Class IX to XII)	69.0	67.7	70.5
Gender Parity Index (GPI)	Foundational (Pre-Primary to Class II)	1.03	1.00	1.00
	Preparatory (Class III to Class V)	1.04	1.03	1.00
	Middle (Class VI to Class VIII)	1.03	1.02	1.00
	Secondary (Class IX to XII)	1.04	1.04	1.10
Retention Rate	Foundational (Pre-Primary to Class II)	92.4	98.4	99.7
	Preparatory (Class III to Class V)	91.2	85.7	93.4
	Middle (Class VI to Class VIII)	76.4	78.9	84.2
	Secondary (Class IX to XII)	45.1	47.5	49.6

Source: UDISE+
