

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2136**  
ANSWERED ON-11/03/2026

**Expenditure on education**

2136 **Shri Prakash Chik Baraik:**

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

- (a) the targeted expenditure as the percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) under the New Education Policy;
- (b) the expenditure on education as percentage of GDP as of 1st January, 2026; and
- (c) Union Government's share in the total expenditure on education?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): Education being in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, increasing expenditure in education is the responsibility of the Central and States Governments. As per National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the targeted expenditure on education (Central and States/UTs) as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is 6%.

As per latest report on “Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education, 2022-23”, public expenditure on education (Central and States/UTs) as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is 4.06%.

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