

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 505
ANSWERED ON- 04/02/2026

LOANS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

505 Smt. Ranjeet Ranjan:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of education loan applications received, sanctioned, rejected and withdrawn, bank-wise and State-wise, during the last three financial years;
- (b) whether Government has analysed the reasons for the significant gap between loan sanctions and actual disbursements under PM-Vidyalaxmi, if so, details thereof;
- (c) the number of complaints received regarding illegal collateral or third-party guarantee demands for loans below the collateral-free threshold, State-wise;
- (d) the number of higher-education institutions formally empanelled or linked with banks for education loan facilitation; and
- (e) whether institutions in Tier-II and Tier-III cities show lower facilitation rates, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (e): Education is in the concurrent list and both the central government and State Governments work together for its improvement. The Government of India has launched the PM-Vidyalaxmi, a new central sector scheme in November 2024. The main objective of the scheme is to ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to pursue higher education due to financial constraints. Under the scheme, collateral-free and guarantor-free education loan is provided to all the students who get merit-based admission in top Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs) and who desire to avail the education loan and there is no upper limit for this. Further, for students with annual family income up to ₹8 lakh, the scheme provides 3% interest subvention on loans up to ₹ 10 lakhs. Up to one lakh fresh students not getting any other scholarship or interest subvention on education loan will get this interest subvention.

A dedicated online platform, the PM Vidyalaxmi portal <https://pmvidyalaxmi.co.in> has been developed on which students can apply for the education loan as well as interest subvention,

through a simplified application process to be used by all banks. This portal has started operating from 25th February 2025. During 25th February 2025 and 28th January 2026, more than 57,000 PM -Vidyalaxmi education loans have been sanctioned. The amount sanctioned is ₹7395 crores. The State-wise and Bank-wise number of education loan applications received, sanctioned, rejected and withdrawn/closed/pending with students for want of relevant information is available at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques .

As the portal made live on 25th February 2025, 25,622 grievances have been received till 28/01/2026 on the portal, out of which 23,924 grievances have been resolved. Out of these nine complaints are related to collateral or third-party guarantee demand under PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme, one each from the State of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and 3 from Karnataka. With respect to these 9 loan applications, 4 have been sanctioned and disbursed.

A total of 952 Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs) have been included under the PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme. It is applicable for all students, including students of Tier-II and Tier-III cities, who get merit based admission in these QHEIs and are desirous of availing PM – Vidyalaxmi education loan for their higher education in these QHEIs.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART(A) TO (E) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 505 FOR 04-02-2026 ASKED BY SMT. RANJEET RANJAN AND SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM, HON'BLE MPs REGARDING "LOANS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION"

Bank-wise data from 25.2.2025 to 28.01.2026

Sr No	Bank Name	Applications Received	Applications Closed/Withdrawn/Pending at Student for Relevant Information	Applications Being Processed at Bank	Sanctioned Applications	Rejected Applications
1	Abhyudaya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.	1	0	1	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh Grameena Bank	142	33	62	44	3
3	Axis Bank	352	66	282	1	3
4	Bank Of Baroda	6025	1427	480	3779	339
5	Bank Of India	2758	945	232	1515	66
6	Bank Of Maharashtra	1104	315	36	721	32
7	Bihar Gramin Bank	4	0	4	0	0
8	Canara Bank	13097	2381	444	9121	1151
9	Central Bank Of India	4149	989	277	2856	27
10	Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank	5	3	2	0	0
11	City Union Bank	59	27	20	9	3
12	Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd	8	2	2	4	0
13	Federal Bank	85	15	69	0	1
14	HDFC Bank	196	176	20	0	0
15	Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank	2	1	1	0	0
16	ICICI Bank	200	160	39	1	0
17	IDBI Bank	565	83	157	324	1
18	IDFC Bank Limited	19	8	11	0	0
19	Indian Bank	2588	1362	228	993	5
20	Indian Overseas Bank	1247	409	101	701	36
21	Jalgaon Janata Sahakari Bank Ltd	2	0	0	2	0
22	Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited	284	107	68	109	0

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23	Karnataka Bank	142	26	88	22	6
24	Karnataka Grameena Bank	144	39	84	17	4
25	Karur Vysya Bank	64	35	13	7	9
26	Kerala Gramin Bank	56	8	6	38	4
27	Kotak Mahindra Bank	55	41	1	0	13
28	Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank	1	0	1	0	0
29	Maharashtra Gramin Bank	16	4	4	6	2
30	Odisha Grameen Bank	3	0	3	0	0
31	Puduvai Bharathiar Grama Bank	1	0	0	0	1
32	Punjab And Sind Bank	166	36	44	76	10
33	Punjab Gramin Bank	20	6	0	14	0
34	Punjab National Bank	7881	2948	305	4118	510
35	Rajasthan Gramin Bank	14	3	3	8	0
36	RBL Bank	3	2	0	0	1
37	Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank	12	0	10	2	0
38	South Indian Bank	65	18	30	15	2
39	State Bank of India	49310	11380	2652	29302	5976
40	Tamil Nadu Grama Bank	7	1	3	3	0
41	Tamilnad Mercantile Bank	21	2	11	4	4
42	Telangana Grameena Bank	21	3	4	9	5
43	The Nainital Bank Limited	2	0	2	0	0
44	The Saraswat Co-Operative Bank Ltd	1	0	0	1	0
45	Tripura Gramin Bank	2	0	2	0	0
46	UCO Bank	901	143	91	615	52
47	Union Bank Of India	5114	1836	215	3018	45
48	Uttar Pradesh Gramin Bank	15	4	8	2	1
49	Uttarakhand Gramin Bank	5	1	4	0	0
50	West Bengal Gramin Bank	1	0	1	0	0
51	Yes Bank Ltd	20	9	11	0	0
Total		96955	25054	6132	57457	8312

State-wise data from 25.2.2025 to 28.01.2026

Sr No	Bank Name	Applications Received	Applications Closed/With drawn/Pending at Student for Relevant Information	Applications Being Processed at Bank	Sanctioned Applications	Rejected Applications
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	71	21	7	32	11
2	Andhra Pradesh	7577	1541	419	5010	607
3	Arunachal Pradesh	36	17	2	16	1
4	Assam	1495	441	114	784	156
5	Bihar	6193	1910	424	3377	482
6	Chandigarh	231	72	8	132	19
7	Chhattisgarh	820	160	35	558	67
8	Delhi	5057	1324	248	3138	347
9	Goa	198	44	8	129	17
10	Gujarat	1976	422	88	1320	146
11	Haryana	3885	1038	269	2250	328
12	Himachal Pradesh	797	173	48	513	63
13	Jammu and Kashmir	524	166	75	258	25
14	Jharkhand	3452	930	225	2053	244
15	Karnataka	5597	1558	486	3030	523
16	Kerala	4635	983	303	2899	450
17	Ladakh	5	1	0	4	0
18	Lakshadweep	2	1	1	0	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	3881	840	185	2552	304
20	Maharashtra	8349	2009	503	5170	667
21	Manipur	134	50	20	50	14
22	Meghalaya	125	21	13	81	10
23	Mizoram	47	23	1	15	8
24	Nagaland	58	15	3	29	11
25	Odisha	3350	676	199	2130	345
26	Puducherry	196	66	19	99	12
27	Punjab	1886	465	102	1185	134
28	Rajasthan	4443	1093	220	2745	385
29	Sikkim	21	7	0	12	2
30	Tamil Nadu	10128	3134	864	5168	962
31	Telangana	3583	957	176	2126	324
32	The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman And Diu	40	8	3	26	3

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33	Tripura	175	37	25	102	11
34	Uttar Pradesh	13182	3686	787	7462	1247
35	Uttarakhand	1532	331	70	1017	114
36	West Bengal	3274	834	182	1985	273
Total		96955	25054	6132	57457	8312