

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6574  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2018, CHAITRA 16, 1940 (SAKA)  
PORTAL FOR EDUCATION LOAN**

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of educational loan schemes;
- (b) the total number of educational loan schemes that are available for application on the portal;
- (c) the total number of banks that have registered on the portal; and
- (d) the total number of students who have used the portal to apply for an educational loan since its inception?

**ANSWER  
(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE)  
(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)**

(a) Banks follow Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Model Educational Scheme, the objective of which is to provide financial support from the banking system to meritorious students for pursuing higher education in India and abroad. Salient features of the scheme inter-alia include; extending credit of Rs 10 lakh for study in India and Rs 20 lakh for study abroad, no margin prescribed for loan upto Rs 4 Lakh and for loan above Rs 4 lakh, 5% margin for studies in India and 15% margin for studies abroad for loans above Rs 4 lakh (margin for education loan upto Rs 7.5 Lakh- nil if covered under Credit Guarantee Fund for Education Loan), doing away with collateral security for loans upto Rs 7.50 lakh, repayment period of 15 years besides repayment holiday/moratorium of course period plus one year, additional moratorium taking into account spells of unemployment/under-employment, say two or three times during the life cycle of the loan, moratorium for the incubation period if the student wants to take up a start-up venture after graduation, etc.

(b) As on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, 71 educational loan schemes are available for application on the Vidya Lakshmi Portal (VLP).

(c) As on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, 34 Banks have registered on the Portal.

(d) Upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, 76088 students have used the portal to apply for educational loan since its inception.

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