

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 19
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

Expenditure on Education

19. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of expenditure on education by the Government over the last five years split over primary, secondary, and tertiary sectors;
- (b) the expenditure of the same as a percentage of GDP over the last five years;
- (c) the details of other developed countries' expenditure on education as percentage of GDP; and
- (d) whether the Government is planning to bring in new programmes so as to revive/overhaul the education sector in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a)& (b): As per Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education published by MHRD for the Year 2014-15 to 2016-17, Expenditure on Education by the Government over the last five years split over primary, secondary, and tertiary sectors and as percentage of GDP, is as follows:

S. No	Sector	Sector-wise Government Expenditure on Education (Rs. in Crore) and as percentage of GDP									
		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16(RE)		2016-17(BE)	
		Expenditure (Rs. Cr)	As% of GDP	Expenditure (Rs. Cr)	As% of GDP	Expenditure (Rs. Cr)	As% of GDP	Expenditure (Rs. Cr)	As% of GDP	Expenditure (Rs. Cr)	As% of GDP
1	Elementary Education	159476.31	1.60	182150.40	1.62	225763.41	1.81	246953.27	1.79	277832.75	1.82
2	Secondary Education	89938.10	0.90	107074.74	0.95	122762.94	0.98	139131.67	1.01	159818.64	1.05
3	Adult Education	947.45	0.01	933.94	0.01	1013.62	0.01	1233.91	0.01	1223.82	0.01
4	University & Higher Education	62447.76	0.63	75212.05	0.67	70601.45	0.57	89569.34	0.65	97032.23	0.64
5	Technical Education	55323.19	0.56	65507.67	0.58	86707.72	0.70	110551.36	0.80	132487.68	0.87
6	Total	368132.81	3.70	430878.80	3.84	506849.14	4.07	587439.55	4.27	668395.12	4.39

Government expenditure on education both in absolute terms as well as % age of GDP has been increasing over the years.

(c): As per the figures published by UNESCO Institute of Statistics(UIS), expenditure on education as percentage of Gross Domestic Product in some of other developed countries is as follows:

Country	Expenditure on education as a percentage of GDP	Year for which latest data available as per UNESCO Institute for Statistics
USA	4.99	2014
United Kingdom	5.54	2016
Japan	3.47	2016
Australia	5.32	2015
Russia Federation	3.82	2015

(d): The Government has launched several initiatives for improving the standards of education sector in the Country. Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education has been launched throughout the country as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. It envisages the 'school' as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to senior secondary levels. The States/UTs are assisted by the central government to implement the Samagra Shiksha as a programme for providing universal access and retention, bridging of gender and social category gaps in education and enhancement of learning level of children at all levels of school education.

Strategic funding and reforms in the Higher Education sector are being undertaken through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). Moreover, Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) has been established under the Companies Act, 2013 to leverage funds from market to finance improvement in infrastructure in top institutions of education. With the devolution of more funds to the States as recommended by the 14th Finance Commission, States are in position to prioritize allocation of funds to education sector.

