

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 381
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019**

Implementation of Schemes

†381. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) the names of various educational schemes being implemented by the Government across the country, State/UT-wise including Assam;
- (b) the total fund allocated and utilised for these schemes across the country, State/ UT-wise, particularly in Assam;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce certain special benefit schemes for North-Eastern States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) & (b) Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing following major educational schemes across the country including Assam:
 - (i) Samagra Shiksha
 - (ii) Saakshar Bharat
 - (iii) National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools(MDM)
 - (iv) Scheme for providing education to Madrasas/ Minorities
 - (v) National Means-cum Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)
 - (vi) National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE)
 - (vii)Research and Innovation
 - (viii) Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching
 - (ix) Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN)
 - (x) Technical Education – Quality Improvement Programme

- (xi) Programme for Apprenticeship Training- Scholarships & Stipends
- (xii) National Education Mission : Rashtriya Uchhatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)
- (xiii) Student Financial Aid - Interest Subsidy and contribution for Guarantee Fund, Scholarship for College and University Students, PM Research Fellowship
- (ix) Digital India e-learning - National Mission in Education through ICT, Setting of Virtual Classrooms and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), e-Shodh Sindhu, National Digital Library, National Academic Depository

The total fund allocated for these schemes in the financial year 2018-19 (R.E.) was Rs 50222.15 crore , out of which Rs 47112.61 crore has been utilized.

- (c) & (d) The North Eastern States including Assam are enjoying Special Category Status due to their distinct characteristics. Central government sanctions 90 percent in the form of grants in plan assistance to the States in special category. The details of major schemes are as under:

(i) Centrally Funded Higher Educational Institutions in NER States

State	Central Universities	IIM	IIT	NIT
Arunachal Pradesh	01			01
Assam	02		01	01
Manipur	02			01
Meghalaya	01	01		01
Mizoram	01			01
Nagaland	01			01
Sikkim	01			01
Tripura	01			01

(ii) Rashtriva Uchchatar Shiksha Abhivan (RUSA)

Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development to strategically address the felt needs of the State higher educational institutions to achieve the objectives of equity, access and excellence alongwith academic and administrative reforms.

Under RUSA, the following activities have been undertaken in NER States during 2018-19:

Central Grants released for the Financial Year 2018-19 (NER States) & the amount released and expenditure made during 2017-18

In crores

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Name of the component	Central Grants in 2018-19	Total amount released & expenditure in 2017-18
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	New Model Degree College	10.8	25.5750
		New College (Professional)	11.7	
		Upgradation of an existing Degree college to Model Degree College	0.9	
		Infrastructure grants to colleges	1.8	
2.	Assam	Infrastructure grants to universities	18	122.1735
		New Model Degree College	27	
		Erst while New Model Degree College	7.5	
		Upgradation of an existing Degree college to Model Degree College	22.5	
		Infrastructure grants to colleges	82.8	
		Equity initiatives	3.375	
3.	Manipur	Upgradation of an existing Degree college to Model Degree College	9	35.6500
		Infrastructure grants to colleges	1.8	
		Equity initiatives	2.25	
4.	Mizoram	Upgradation of an existing Degree college to Model Degree College	7.2	27.1057
		Infrastructure grants to colleges	11.7	
		Equity initiatives	1.125	
		New Colleges (Professional)	1.04	
5.	Meghalaya	New Model Degree College	10.8	8.1000
		Upgradation of an existing Degree college to Model Degree College	1.8	
		Infrastructure grants to colleges	6.75	
		Equity initiatives	0.75	
6.	Nagaland	New Model Degree College	5.4	25.1760
7.	Sikkim	New Model Degree College	10.8	11.0363
		New Colleges (Professional)	11.7	
8.	Tripura	New Model Degree College	2.11	0.0000
		Infrastructure grants to colleges	6.4	
		Total	276.99	254.817

(iii) ISHAN UDAY Special Scholarship Scheme for North Eastern Region:

With regard to promotion of Higher Education in North Eastern Region (NER), the University Grants Commission (UGC) had launched “Ishan Uday” Special Scholarship Scheme for North Eastern Region from academic session 2014-15. The scheme has been on-board on National scholarship portal (<http://scholarships.gov.in>).

(iv) Ishan Vikas: Ishan Vikas seeks to bring selected school children and students from Engineering College from the North – Eastern States into close contact with IITs, NITs and IISERs during their vacation.

(v) IGNOU’s Initiatives for Educational Development in Special Category States

IGNOU has taken special initiatives for the development of higher education to make it easily accessible to students of the underdeveloped, difficult, remote and minority dominated special category states including, the north eastern states, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir.

(vi) Book Promotional Activities in the North-East

Book promotional activities in the North-East is stepped up through a number of Book Fairs, literary activities and special sales drive.

(vii) AICTE-NISTADS-SPECIAL SCHEME FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF NORTH EAST REGION

Considering the day to day problems being faced by the students in taking admissions in good engineering colleges, AICTE has launched a scheme for providing logistics support to the technical institutes by extending financial assistance to solve water problem in general and providing alternative power support and internet connection. These projects shall enhance the functional efficiency of the technical institutes located in far-flung areas of North East India.

(viii) Research Promotion Scheme for North-East and NDF Centers

Two new schemes under Research Promotion Scheme has been extended for North-East Region and for NDF Centers during the current Financial Year. For each of the scheme, a total of 50 projects with a grant-in-aid of Rs.1250.00 lakh @Rs.25.00 lakh per project have been sanctioned.

(ix) Employability Enhancement Training Programme (EETP)

AICTE revamped its Finish School scheme by the name Employability Enhancement Training Programme (EETP) , with a vision of enhancing employment amongst fresh engineering graduates imparting business and soft skills for sustained performance career success and to meet growing industry demand.

(x) Scheme of Reservation of seats at Degree/Diploma level technical courses

Under this scheme the students of North Eastern states have been provided reservation at degree/ diploma level in various technical courses.
