GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1806 TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY THE 31st July, 2023/09 Shravan, 1945 (Saka)

HEALTH AND EDUCATION CESS

1806. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had introduced 4 per cent Health and Education Cess on income in 2018-19;
- (b) if so, the cess collected and the amount transferred to education reserve funds is less than 75 per cent during the last six years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of cess amount transferred to Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh and Madhyamik and Uchchtar Shiksha Kosh (MUSK) since 2018-19?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (Sh. PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a): The Government had introduced 4 per cent Health and Education Cess on income-tax from financial year 2018-19.
- (b)to(d): The details of Health and Education Cess collected during last 6 years is at **'Table-I** and the details of the utilization of the Cess to Prarambik Shiksha Kosh and Madhyamik and Ucchtar Shiksha Kosh including that in Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi is at **'Table-II.**

	Table-I													
Collection of Education Cess(₹ In crore)														
Sl. No	Name of the levy	Actuals 2017-18	Actuals 2018-19	Actuals 2019-20	Actuals 2020-21	Actuals 2021-22	Revised 2022-23							
1	Primary Education Cess (abolished on excisable goods)	21117.31	97.40	81.48	61.85	15.44	0.00							
2	Secondary & Higher Education Cess (abolished on excisable goods)	10538.80	34.24	27.97	11.42	2.50	0.00							
3	Health and Education Cess after merging primary Education Cess, Secondary and Higher Education Cess	0.00	41177.44	39131.10	35821.55	52732.33	62500.01							
	Total	31656.11	41309.08	39240.55	35894.82	52750.27	62500.01							

Utilisation of Cess Proceeds (transferred to the Reserve Funds) (₹ In crore)										
Sl.	Name of the levy	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals			
No		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23			
1	Prarambik Shiksha	19139.80	25227.90	26848.35	30168.34	31788.25	38000.00			
	Kosh									
2	Madhyamik &									
	Uchhatar Shiksha			14460.25	20561.27	25000.00	24350.00			
	Kosh#									
3	Pradhan Mantri									
	Swasthya Suraksha				20000.00	21498.72	20542.37			
	Nidhi#									
	# Reserve Funds viz Madhyamik & Uchhatar Shiksha Kosh and Pradhan Mantri Swastya									
	Suraksha Nidhi have been operationalised from the last fiscal. The utilisation from									
	financial year 2019-20 to financial year 2022-23 are as per Revised Estimate (RE) for the									
	respective year(S).									

Table-II
