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Steps to Improve the Status of Bihar as Educationally Backward State

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true fact that the Bihar is one of the most educationally backward State in the country according to the Multidimensional Poverty Index report released by NITI Aayog;
- (b) if so, the details of the number of students attending school and college education there;
- (c) whether the Central Government has implemented various policies and programs to improve the status of education in Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the beneficiaries?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a): NITI Aayog recently published a report, National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Review 2023, estimating multidimensional poverty at national, state and district levels. The baseline report of MPI was released in November 2021. According to the National MPI 2023 report, the Multidimensional Poverty Index consists of three dimensions: Health, Education, and Standard of Living. Within the Education dimension, two indicators, Years of Schooling and School Attendance, carry equal weights. The report doesn't provide a composite score of the dimension – Education. The report is available at the link <https://niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-08/India-National-Multidimensional-Poverty-Index-2023.pdf>.

(b): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education provided by all the States and Union Territories. As per UDISE+ 2021-22, Enrolment of Bihar from pre-primary to Higher Secondary is 2,74,72,692. The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education has developed the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) system to record data on indicators of higher education. Enrolment of students in higher education in Bihar as per AISHE 2020-21 can be seen at link https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/statistics-new/AISHE_Report_2020_21.pdf.

(c) and (d): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. Further, Central Government helps States and UTs including Bihar under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, which is an overarching scheme of school education covering all levels from pre-primary to senior secondary.

Financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for various activities to improve enrolment in Govt. schools, which include opening/strengthening of new schools up to senior secondary level, strengthening school infrastructure, setting up, up gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) upto class 12, setting up of residential schools/hostel named Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, transport allowance, undertaking enrolment drives, seasonal hostels/residential camps, provision of vocational education and ICT facilities in schools, etc, financial assistance is also provided for aids and appliances for children with special needs.

The financial allocation under different schemes of school education and higher education are given below:

- As per Prabandh Portal, Approved outlay for Samagra Shiksha for all India is Rs. 68377.24 crore and for Bihar Rs. 8101.31 crore for the year 2023-24.
- Under PM POSHAN Scheme Rs. 11600 crore is the BE for the FY 2023-24 and Rs. 10000 crore is the RE. As per Programme Approval Board – PM POSHAN has approved the State’s Annual Work Plan & Budget 2023 -24 with an outlay of Rs. 2151.51 crore comprising of Rs. 1355.65 crore as Central Share and Rs. 795.85 crore as State Share for Bihar.
- Rs. 16.77 crore released during financial year 2022-23 to Bihar State for fresh and renewal of 14140 scholarships under Central Sector Scheme ‘National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)’.
- Central funds released under RUSA Scheme for the year 2021-22 is Rs. 249.13 crore out of which Rs.6.45 crore is released to Bihar. For the year 2022-23 total fund released are Rs.359.50 crore.
- Allocation / released to National Institutes of Technology (NITs) for the year 2022-2023 is Rs. 4407.98 crore out of which Rs. 135.78 crore has been released to NIT Patna.
- A total of Rs. 38.11 crore has been released to IIIT (PPP) Bhagalpur, Bihar for the year 2022-23.
- The physical and financial achievements in Bihar for the F.Y. 2022-23 under Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students (CSSS) is Rs. 16.93 crore for fresh and renewal of 14502 scholarships and under Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS) is Rs. 18.5 crore for 7855 claims.
- Grant released to Central universities of Bihar for the year 2022-23 Rs. 117.20 crore.
