

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-16**  
ANSWERED ON-04/12/2023

**FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR EDUCATION SECTOR**

16. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of GDP allocated to education in the current fiscal year;
- (b) the specific areas where the funds are allocated, such as primary, secondary, higher education, vocational training, and research;
- (c) the details of the Government schemes/ programmes funded from the allocated fund specifically those aimed towards improving access, quality and inclusivity in education; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to achieve 6 percent of GDP allocation for education as suggested by the NEP 2020?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b) As per the latest Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education, the total expenditure on education (i.e., Central Government and States/UTs -Education Departments as well as all other Departments) as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), for the year 2020-21, is 4.64%. The total Budgeted Expenditure on education includes the Budgeted Expenditure on Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Higher Education (including Research) and Technical Education.

(c) Ministry of Education has been implementing various education schemes for improving access towards quality and inclusivity in education, such as Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN), Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA), etc.

Further, Government is implementing various Scholarships and Fellowships for providing financial assistance to students of SC/ST/OBC and Minorities, details of which are available in the following websites:

Sl. No.	Ministry/Department	Website links
1.	Department of Higher Education	<a href="https://www.education.gov.in/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan">https://www.education.gov.in/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan</a>
2.	University Grants Commission	<a href="https://frg.ugc.ac.in">https://frg.ugc.ac.in</a>
3.	All India Council for Technical Education	<a href="https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes">https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes</a>
4.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	<a href="https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat">https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat</a>
5.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	<a href="https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx">https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx</a>
6.	Ministry of Minority Affairs	<a href="https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/show_content.php?lang=1&amp;level=2&amp;ls_id=669&amp;lid=825">https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/show_content.php?lang=1&amp;level=2&amp;ls_id=669&amp;lid=825</a>

(d) In order to attain the goal of education with excellence and the corresponding multitude of benefits to this Nation and its economy, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 this Policy unequivocally endorses and envisions a substantial increase in public investment in education by both the Central government and all State Governments. The Centre and the States will work together to increase the public investment in Education sector to reach 6% of GDP at the earliest.

As per NEP, 2020, implementation of the Policy requires multiple initiatives and actions, which will have to be taken by multiple bodies in a synchronized and systematic manner. Therefore, the implementation of this Policy will be led by various bodies including Ministry of Education, State Governments, education-related Ministries, State Departments of Education, Regulatory bodies etc.

Towards this end, the Central Government has increased Budget allocation of Ministry of Education (MoE) from Rs. 93,224.31 Crore for the year 2021-22, to Rs. 1,04,277.72 Crore for the year 2022-23 and to Rs. 1,12,899.47 Crore for the year 2023-24.

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