

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 46
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019**

Allocation of Funds for Education

46. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) the amount of money as percentage of GDP being spent on education sector in the current fiscal;
- (b) whether Government is planning to increase the above allocation in upcoming years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether there has been an increase or decrease in above allocation in the previous five years, and details therein?

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

(a):As per Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education 2017-18, the expenditure on education as percentage of GDP is 4.43%.

(b)&(c): Kothari Commission (1964-66) had recommended that 6 per cent of GDP should be spent on education. The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, had laid down that investment on education be gradually increased to reach a level of 6% of National Income as early as possible and the same has been reiterated in the Draft National Education Policy, 2019.

(d):There has been consistent increase in expenditure on education in absolute terms as well as % age of GDP over the last five years as given in table below:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. Cr)	As % of GDP
2013-14	430878.81	3.84
2014-15	506849.13	4.07
2015-16	577792.51	4.20
2016-17 (RE)	664264.52	4.32
2017-18 (BE)	756945.00	4.43