

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 90
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020

FUNDS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

†90. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds allocated by the Government to various States including Rajasthan for different schemes during the last five years;
- (b) the quantum of funds out of the above spent by the States till date;
- (c) the details of the unspent funds as on date;
- (d) the reasons for not spending total funds; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely spending of total funds?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (c): The details of allocated, spent and unspent funds for the Department of Higher Education and Department of School Education & Literacy are given below:

(i) Department of Higher Education

(Rs. In Crore)

Financial Year	Budget Estimate (B.E.)	Revised Estimate (R.E.)	Actual Expenditure	Unspent
2015-16	26855.26	25699.00	25542.25	156.75
2016-17	28840.00	29703.20	29026.43	676.77
2017-18	33329.70	34862.46	33656.51	1205.95
2018-19	35010.29	33512.11	31913.31	1598.80
2019-20	38317.01	38317.01	36920.25	1396.76
2020-21	39466.52	NA	10797 (as on 11.09.2020)	NA

(ii) Department of School Education & Literacy

(Rs. In Crore)

Financial Year	Budget Estimate (B.E.)	Revised Estimate (R.E.)	Actual Expenditure	Unspent
2015-16	42219.50	42186.50	41809.26	377.24
2016-17	43554.00	43896.04	42904.22	991.82
2017-18	46356.25	47006.25	46586.12	420.13
2018-19	50000.00	50113.75	48069.80	2043.95
2019-20	56536.63	56536.63	52624.88	3911.75
2020-21	59845.00	NA	16359.65 (as on 10.09.2020)	NA

(d) and (e): The allocation of Budget and the release of central share of funds and also the contribution by the States towards their share (based on the sharing pattern) is regulated and governed by laid down procedures and conditions which requires strict compliance and therefore the funds are necessarily to be utilised only for specific sanctioned activities. The reasons for slow pace of utilization in some projects include delay in transfer of grants from States to the institutions, construction delays due to unfavourable terrain or monsoon for hilly States, natural calamities etc. Regular review meetings have been taken up with States and institutions that lag behind in utilization, to resolve issues and urge them to utilize expeditiously.
