

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2165  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021**

**Education Budget**

**2165. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the allocation for education in the budget this time is the lowest in three years, with school education taking the biggest cut of almost Rs. 5,000 crore and the allocation for higher education has decreased by roughly Rs 1,000 crore to Rs 38,350 crore and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the spending on education has been reduced by Rs 6,076 crore from Rs 99,300 crore in 2020 to Rs 93,224 in 2021 and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for reducing allocation though more funds were given to the Ministry in RE 2019-20; and
- (d) the funds allocated to Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in the current fiscal?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (c): The budgetary allocation depends upon demand, absorption capacity and availability of resources taking into account the Unspent balances.

(d) : The funds allocated to Samagra Shiksha in the Current fiscal year (2020-21) at RE stage is Rs 27957.32 crore.

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