

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2235  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021

**Use of Fund for Education**

2235. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:  
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of modalities of a scheme to fund the education and welfare of children orphaned by the pandemic implemented/need to be worked out;
- (b) whether the scheme was still not available in the public domain and does not have the details of number of children beneficiaries or the manner in which Government is going to implement the scheme to support the education of the children and set up a 10 lakh corpus fund for them, it would fund educational requirements, in the form of uniforms, textbooks, etc. and would also offer financial help for their higher education including health insurance till the age of 18, ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**  
**(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (c): Education is a subject in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the control of the respective State Governments. Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education is implementing the scheme of Samagra Shiksha. The scheme supports States and UTs in implementation of RTE Act, 2009, financial support for Uniform, Text-books, reimbursement towards expenditure incurred for 25% of admissions of Economically Weaker Section students in neighbourhood private unaided schools under RTE Act.

The Scheme also have provisions of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs,) which are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL) and financial assistance for opening and running of “Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Residential School”, and Hostels in hilly terrain, small and sparsely populated areas in order to ensure universal enrolment and schooling facilities in these areas where opening of schools may not be viable.

DoSEL and Ministry of Women & Child Development have issued a joint advisory to facilitate education for children orphaned due to COVID-19 by bringing them under the fold of the various schemes run by DoSEL, and outlining the role of teachers, District Education Officers and Child Welfare Committees.

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