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

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Restructuring of NSIGSE

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Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of beneficiaries under the National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE) during the last five years.
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilized under the NSIGSE during the above-said period;
- (c) whether the Government has carried out review of the functioning and implementation of the NSIGSE and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to re-structuring the NSIGSE Scheme for effective implementation and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b): The details of the funds allocated, sanctioned and number of beneficiaries under National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE) in last five years are as follows:

				(Rs. in Crore)
S .No.	Financial Year	Funds allocated (BE)	No. of Girls	Total Utilisation
1	2017-18	320.00	973330	292.38
2	2018-19	255.90	548396	164.58*
3	2019-20	100.00	28547	8.56#
4	2020-21^	0	0	0
5	2021-22^	0	0	0
Total 6		675.90	1550273	465.52

^{*}Amount sanctioned for backlog proposals only.

[#]Amount sanctioned for court case.

[^] The NSIGSE scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. the year 2018-19 due to inherent issues in the design and implementation of the scheme and Samagra Shiksha Scheme now provides for several interventions for the girl child.

- (c): The NSIGSE scheme was evaluated in the year 2020-21 by Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Delhi. IEG suggested that the other State sponsored schemes of similar nature are being majorly preferred by the beneficiaries. Thus, there is limited reason and scope for the revival of this scheme.
- (d): The NSIGSE scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. the year 2018-19 due to inherent issues in the design and implementation of the scheme. However, this Ministry remains strongly committed to the education of girl child, specially those belonging to SC and ST and other disadvantaged groups. Education of girl child is a critical component in various interventions of the Department of School Education and Literacy. Several measures for education of girls are being implemented through the flagship scheme of Samagra Shiksha being operated by this Department. Some of them are as follows:-
 - Up-gradation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) from Class 6-8 to Class 6-12, which caters to girls students mainly belonging to SC, ST and BPL categories.
 - Self-defence training for girls from upper primary to senior secondary stage.
 - Enhanced commitment to 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'.
 - Enhanced transport facility for access to school.
 - Uniforms for all girls @ Rs. 600 per child per annum.
 - Provision of textbooks @ Rs. 250 per child per annum for Primary School and from Rs.250 to Rs. 400 per child per annum at upper primary level.
 - Stipend of Rs. 200 per month for Girl children with Special Needs from Classes 1 to 12 in addition to Rs. 3500 per child per annum for Children with Special Needs.
