

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024**

Budget Expenditure in Higher Education

1. **Shri Rajesh Verma:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual budget allocations and the actual expenditure during the last five years for specific higher education schemes, namely, UGC Major Research Projects, UGC Minor Research Projects, RUSA, IMPRESS and IMPRINT;
- (b) the annual expenditure on higher education as a whole in each of the preceding five years and the percentages of the Central budget in terms of GDP; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve higher education in the country particularly in the State of Bihar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) The annual budget allocation and the actual expenditure during the last five years for specific higher education schemes, namely, University Grants Commission (UGC) Major Research Projects, UGC Minor Research Projects, Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) (erstwhile known as RUSA), Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS) and Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT) is enclosed as Annexure I.

(b): As per latest published data on analysis of budgeted expenditure on education, the annual expenditure on higher education as a whole in last five years is as below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Item	2016-17 (Actual)	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (RE)	2020-21 (BE)
Expenditure on Higher Education(Centre & States/UTs)	2,21,259.13	2,12,458.47	2,51,748.45	3,05,509.32	3,11,203.66
Expenditure on Higher Education(Centre)	87,631.33	86,298.32	99,628.36	1,10,246.48	1,22,335.97
GDP at Current prices(At factor Cost)	1,53,91,669.0 0	1,70,90,042.0 0	1,88,99,668.0 0	2,00,74,856.0 0	1,98,00,914.0 0
Expenditure on Higher Education by Centre as % of GDP	0.57%	0.50%	0.53%	0.55%	0.62%

(c): Education falls under the concurrent list and thus, both Central and State Governments take various initiatives to ensure quality higher education in the country. However, recognizing the need for central

assistance, the Central Government has been implementing various schemes including PM-USHA, PM Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Yojana, World Class Institutions, PM Research Fellowship, National Mission in Education through ICT, Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN), Central for Nano-Science and Engineering (CeNSE), Establishment of 3 Centres of Excellence (CoES) in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Sciences (STARS), which promote research in Higher Education Institutes and has also been providing financial assistance to various autonomous bodies such as IIMs, NITs, CUs, IITs, IIITs and other Institutions.

The financial allocation under different schemes of higher education in the state of Bihar is given below:

- The Centrally Sponsored Scheme, RUSA is aimed at funding the specific State Government Universities and Colleges, so as to improve the overall quality of existing State higher educational institutions by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards. The third phase of RUSA was launched in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 Crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 to cater to needs of educationally unserved/underserved areas. Under the scheme RUSA, the State of Bihar has been approved total Central Share amounting to Rs. 202.44 Crore out of which Rs. 137.07 Crore has been released till date.
- Funds released to National Institutes of Technology (NITs) for the year 2022-2023 is Rs.4407.98 crore out of which Rs. 135.78 crore has been released to NIT Patna. Similarly, for the year 2023-2024 is Rs. 4753.35 crore were released to NITs, out of which Rs. 168.77 crore has been released to NIT Patna.
- Grants released to IIM, Bodhgaya for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 were Rs. 65.42 Crore and Rs. 30.88 Cr, respectively.
- Grants released to IIT, Patna for the year 2023-24 were Rs. 175.53 Cr.
- One IIIT under the Public-Private Partnership mode namely Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Bhagalpur was established in the year 2017 in the State of Bihar. A total of Rs. 38.11 crore has been released to IIIT (PPP) Bhagalpur, Bihar for the year 2022-23.
- Grants are released to individual Central Universities (CUs), including 2 CUs namely Central University of South Bihar (CUSB) and Mahatma Gandhi Central University (MGCU) established in Bihar. Grants released to Central University of South Bihar, Gaya and Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari in FY 2023-24 were Rs. 85.23 Cr and Rs. 42.42 Cr, respectively.
