

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Investments in National Education Policies

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

- (a) the details of the schemes implemented to achieve the target of total investment of six per cent as mandated under various National Education Policies including the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020;
- (b) whether the Government is taking any measures to support the economically backward States including the North-Eastern States to improve the major Human Development Indices and per capita spending therein; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a): National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) unequivocally endorses and envisions a substantial increase in public investment in education by both the Central government and all State Governments. The Centre and the States work together to increase the public investment in Education sector to reach 6% of GDP at the earliest. Various schemes/projects/programmes run by Ministry of Education have been aligned with NEP 2020.

As far as Ministry of Education is concerned, there has been increase in budget allocation from Rs. 99,311.52 crore (2020-21) to Rs. 1, 21,117.77 crore (2024-25), which is around 21.95 % increase.

(b) and (c): The Government of India has been focusing on inclusive growth and has initiated several targeted schemes that aim to reduce poverty and inequality, provide social security, income generation and livelihood options and improve the quality of life of the vulnerable sections of the population in the country including North-Eastern States.

Targeted interventions by the Government include Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ujjwala, Swachh Bharat, Jan Dhan, Ayushman Bharat – PMJAY, Ayushman Arogya Mandir, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, PM-Mudra Yojana, Saubhgya, Start-up India etc. to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people. In addition, some measures with respect to financial support include initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan

Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, PM-MUDRA Yojana, Stand Up India, and Atal Pension Yojana; Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY) are being implemented.

Ministry of Education is also implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Samagra Shiksha, PM POSHAN, New India Literacy Programme (NILP) and Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) in the field of education across the country including North-Eastern States.

With these interventions, significant progress in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on eliminating poverty, providing decent work, economic growth, climate action and life on land has been recorded as per SDG India Index 2023-24. According to SDG India Index 2023-24, overall SDG score for the country is 71 for 2023-24 which is a significant improvement from 66 in 2020-21 and 57 in 2018 (Baseline Report). Under Goal 3 – Good Health & Well-being, overall score improved substantially from 52 in 2018 to 77 in 2023-24; Under Goal 4 – Quality Education, overall score improved substantially from 58 in 2018 to 61 in 2023-24; and under Goal 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth, overall score improved substantially from 65 in 2018 to 68 in 2023-24. All States have shown an improvement in overall score.

These measures aim to bridge regional disparities, improve Human Development Indices, enhance per capita income and enable inclusive educational growth.
