

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3297  
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

**Increase in Expenditure on Higher Education**

3297. Shri Dushyant Singh:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the financial challenges related to funding higher education across various levels in the country, particularly in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for such oversight;
- (b) the details of measures taken by the Government to enhance the financial sustainability and affordability of higher education to ensure equitable access to all students, especially in Rajasthan; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to increase public expenditure on higher education to address funding issues within the sector across the country and particularly in Rajasthan and if so, the details of the proposed increase and if not, the reasons for maintaining the current expenditure levels?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a to c) Education, being in the concurrent list, is the joint responsibility of both Central and State Governments. Government of India is committed towards improving the access, equity and quality in Higher Education. A number of Schemes have been implemented in Higher Education. Under PM USHA, financial assistance is provided to selected public funded universities and colleges of the States/UTs Government for improving quality of education. PM Uchchar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Yojana provides financial assistance to meritorious students from economically weaker section. PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme, which has been launched recently, seeks to provide financial support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent any youth of India from pursuing quality higher education. Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) has been set up to substantially increase funding for creating quality infrastructure in Higher Educational institution of Ministry of Education.

There has been a consistent increase in the Budget Allocation in Higher Education during last five years. (Rs. in Crore)

FY: 2020-21	FY: 2021-22	FY: 2022-23	FY: 2023-24	FY: 2024-25
32,900	36031.57	40828.35	44744.48	47619.77

There has been an overall increase of Rs. 2875.29 crore in the budget allocation of the Department of Higher Education in the FY: 2024-25 compared to FY: 2023-24.

A total of Rs. 556.86 crore has been released in FY 2024-25 till 30.11.2024 to three Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions in Rajasthan, namely IIT Jodhpur, MNIT Jaipur and CU Rajasthan. Further, Rs. 535.99 crore was provided for setting-up of IIM Udaipur and IIIT Kota in the state of Rajasthan.

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