

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3421**  
ANSWERED ON 16/12/2024

**Annual Budget Allocation for Higher Education Schemes**

3421. Shri Haribhai Patel:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual budget allocations and the actual expenditure incurred under specific higher education schemes, namely, UGC Major Research Projects, UGC Minor Research Projects, RUSA, IMPRESS and IMPRINT during the last five years;
- (b) the annual expenditure on higher education as a whole during the last five years and the percentages of the Central budgets in terms of GDP, year-wise; and
- (c) the details of specific plans of the Government to improve higher education in the country particularly in Gujarat?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(Dr. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a): The Annual Budget allocations and the actual expenditure incurred under specific higher education schemes during last 5 years and 2024-25 is given in Annexure.

(b): As per the “Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education 2019-20 to 2021-22”, Public Expenditure (Centre and States) on Education in India is 4.12% of GDP in 2021-22, which has grown from 3.84% in 2013-14. The Expenditure on Education by Centre and % of GDP share as per “Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education” is given below:

Year	At Centre level	
	Expenditure on Education (in Rs. Crore)	Expenditure on Education as % of GDP
2017-18	1,68,322	1.09
2018-19	1,82,139	0.96
2019-20	2,02,991	1.01
2020-21(RE)	2,06,973	1.04
2021-22(BE)	2,38,469	1.02

(c): A number of transformative changes have taken place in higher education after announcement of NEP 2020. In Higher Education, various initiatives / reforms have been carried out such as National Credit Framework (NCrF) and National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF) in conjunction with guidelines / regulations like Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programme; Multiple Entry and Exit in Academic Programme offered by Higher Education Institutions; Transforming HEIs into multi-disciplinary Institutions; pursuing two Academic Programme simultaneously; Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR ID) of individual student which will act as lifelong identity to track their educational journey and achievements from,

pre-primary to higher education; revised regulation of ODL / Online Education; permitting up to 40% credits in regular courses using SWAYAM platform; launch of new SWAYAM Plus portal with aim to enhance skill and upskilling and reskilling of existing manpower employed in different sectors; Integration of technology in administration of HEIs from admission to grant of degree through SAMARTH; permitting HEIs for two admission cycles in an academic year; enhanced reputation of the Indian HEIs in international ranking.

The government has launched the third phase of RUSA 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, during the last five years, Rs. 36.24 Crore has been released to Gujarat.

The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) makes provisions to ensure full access, equality, and inclusiveness. Since education is a subject in the Concurrent List, the implementation of NEP 2020 is a joint responsibility of the central and state governments. The government is committed to providing quality education to all.

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3421 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2024 REGARDING “ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION SCHEMES” ASKED BY SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL, HON’BLE MEMBER OF**

**indicating the Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates/Final Grant and Actual Expenditure in last 5 years and 2024-25 (In**

2019-20			2020-21			2021-22			2022-23			2023-24		
	RE/FG	Actuals	B.E.	RE/FG	Actuals	B.E.	RE/FG	Actuals	B.E.	RE/FG	Actuals	B.E.	RE/FG	Actuals
00	1380.00	1277.82	300.00	166.00	165.20	3000.00	363.06	242.34	2042.95	360.67	360.51	1500.00	500.00	1800.00
00	53.00	47.20	50.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	3.54	3.54	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	0.00
00	25.50	18.75	0.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	23.00	0.00	17.26	0.25	0.09			
	3.11	3.11		0.20	0.20		1.35	1.35		0.94	0.94		1.13	1.13
	2.64	2.64		0.08	0.08		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.0050	0.0050

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