

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2358**  
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**Financial Deficiency in Central Universities**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of central universities/other universities under the Government that have reported financial deficits during the last ten years, including the quantum of deficit in each case;
- (b) whether such deficits have affected salaries, infrastructure development, student welfare and research activities, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the existing funding mechanisms for central universities to ensure timely grants and reduce overdependence on student fees, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide adequate financial support and long-term sustainability to Central Universities; and
- (e) the percentage of GDP allocated to higher education in the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
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(a) to (d): Central Universities are autonomous institutions, established by Acts of Parliament and they are governed by their own Acts, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations etc. made thereunder and they are competent to take decision in academic and administrative matters of the University. Ministry of Education releases block grant to University Grants Commission (UGC) under "Grants to Central Universities" which in turn allocates funds to Central Universities, based on their realistic requirements, expenditure incurred during the previous year as well as availability of funds. As informed by UGC, during the last ten years, the grants to 47 Central Universities have been increased from Rs.5621.38 cr. (in 2015-16) to Rs.12776.77 cr. (in 2024-25).

(e): As per latest report "Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education 2019-20 to 2021-22" published by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, the total expenditure on education in India during the year 2021-22 was 4.12% of GDP, of which 1.29% was spent on higher education.