

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTIONS NO. 2131
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016
SRAVANA 7, 1938 (SAKA)**

EDUCATION CESS

2131: SHRI OM BIRLA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of education cess collected by the Government in the last three years;
- (b) the amount of education cess utilised for the required purpose during the above said period;
- (c) the total unused amount available under the education cess;
- (d) the details of the education cess distributed among the States, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps Government taken to ensure full utilisation of the education cess?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a): The total amount of education cess collected by the Government under direct and indirect taxes in the last three years is as under:-

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Financial Year	Total Education Cess	
	Direct Tax	Indirect Tax
2013-14 (Actuals)	18056.71	15223
2014-15 (Actuals)	19793.36	16184
2015-16 (Provisional)	20921.44	6796
Total	58771.51	38203

(b) to (e) The Education Cess comprises of 2% Primary Education Cess (PEC) and 1% Secondary & Higher Education Cess (SHEC).

As per the Resolution dated 30.08.2006 on setting up of Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) the fund collected through the PEC is credited to PSK and is used only to meet the part of expenditure on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) & Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme. The details of expenditure from PSK fund are as under:

Year	RECEIPTS/Collection of Primary Education Cess w.r.t Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) Fund	Expenditure from PSK Fund
2013-14	22686.61	19988.24
2014-15	24089.82	22323.19
2015-16	27575.00	19298.16
Total	74351.43	61609.59

Fund collected through PEC is not allocated State-wise.

For 1% Higher Education Cess, since there is no dedicated fund opened in Public Account, the entire proceeds (along with additional provision required for Higher Education) are allocated directly for utilization towards the dedicated purpose of higher education.

Ministry of Finance has given its concurrence for opening of a separate fund for crediting Higher Education Cess, called 'Madhyamik & Uchchatar Shiksha Kosh.
