

In 2014-15, State Governments/UT Administrations were supported for in-service teacher training of 29.16 lakh teachers at Block Resource Centre (BRC) level and 26.86 lakh teachers at Cluster Resource Centre (CRC) level, for which financial allocation is ₹ 286.23 crore. As per U-DISE, there are 12.44% and 4.98% single teacher schools at primary and upper primary level respectively in the country. State Governments recruit and deploy teachers and have all developed State Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) rules in conformity with the RTE Act.

#### **Scheme for single girl child**

1975. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme being implemented by Government for providing education to single girl child in the country;

(b) the amount allocated and incurred under the schemes during the last three years and current year;

(c) whether Government is continuing the Indira Gandhi Fellowship for promoting post-graduation to single girl child;

(d) if so, the amount allocated for this programme during the last two academic years, current academic year and for 2015-16; and

(e) whether Government has not finalised the selection of the candidates and has not released the fellowship during the current financial year and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it is implementing “Post-Graduate (PG) Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child” scheme for supporting post-graduate education of such children in non-professional courses. Girl students who are twin daughters/fraternal daughters are also eligible for applying under the scheme. A single girl child who has taken admission in the first year of a regular Masters Degree course in any recognized university or a post graduate college is eligible for applying under the scheme. PG courses in Distance Education mode are not covered under the scheme. The scholarship amount is ₹2,000/- per month for a period of two years, for 10 months per year, and there is no limit on number of girl students to be considered under these scholarships. The guidelines of the scheme are at [http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6456190\\_SGC20132015GuidelinesAmendedEnglish.pdf](http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6456190_SGC20132015GuidelinesAmendedEnglish.pdf).

The amounts disbursed by the UGC, under this scheme, during the last three years and the current year are as below:

(₹ in lakh)

Year	Allocation/Expenditure *
2011-12	360.60
2012-13	483.80
2013-14	754.65
2014-15	805.39

\*There are no fixed slots under this scheme.

The UGC has also started Swami Vivekanand Single Girl Child Scholarship scheme in 2014-15 for research in social sciences. The guidelines of the scheme are at [http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/0003922\\_guidelines-SWAMI-Vivekananda.pdf](http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/0003922_guidelines-SWAMI-Vivekananda.pdf). The scheme is applicable to a single girl child who has taken admission in regular, full-time Ph.D. program in Social Sciences in any recognized University/Institute. Ph.D. Courses in Distance Education mode are not covered under the scheme. The scholarship amount is ₹ 8,000/- per month for first two years and ₹ 10,000/- per month for third and fourth year, extendable to fifth year in exceptional circumstances. The selection of candidates, under this scheme, for 2014-15 has been finalized by the UGC.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) awards scholarships to single girl child students who have passed class Xth examination with 60% or more marks, from a school affiliated to CBSE, for continuing their further education in class XIth and XIIth in a school, affiliated to CBSE, where monthly fees does not exceed ₹ 1500/-. A sum of ₹ 6000/- per year is awarded to each scholar and there is no limit the on number of girl students eligible for consideration under these scholarships.

The details of the scholarships given by CBSE under this scheme during the last three years and the current year, are as under:

(₹ in lakh)

Year	Number of awards	Amount
2011-12	2477	148.62
2012-13	3043	182.58
2013-14	2757	165.42
2014-15	1470	88.20

Further, the “Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao” scheme, has been launched to promote survival, protection and education of girl child, including single girl child. This scheme is a joint initiative of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry

of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(c) Yes, Sir. The UGC is continuing the Indira Gandhi scholarship scheme for promoting post-graduation of single girl child.

(d) The amount allocated by the UGC for this programme during the last two academic years, current academic year and for 2015-16 is as below:

(₹ in lakh)

Year	Allocation/Expenditure *
2012-13	483.80
2013-14	754.65
2014-15	805.39
2015-16	599.91 have been allocated

\*There are no fixed slots under this scheme.

(e) No, Sir. The UGC has reported that the selection for the current year 2014-15 has been finalized and the list of selected candidates has been uploaded on 18th February, 2015 at [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in). Further, the award letters to selected students have been uploaded and are being accessed by them. The UGC has already transferred the Indira Gandhi scholarship scheme funds to the Canara Bank for disbursement through Direct Benefit Transfer mode.

#### **Increase in enrolment due to Mid Day Meal Scheme**

1976. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enrolment in schools has increased after the introduction of the Mid Day Meal Scheme and if so, the extent of increase reported in each State during that period, gender-wise;

(b) the situation in Maharashtra particularly in Vidarbha region and whether Government would provide more money to Vidarbha on this account;

(c) whether any cases of sub-standard food have been reported during the last year in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of such cases and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) After introduction of Mid Day Meal Scheme in 1995, initially the enrollment of children in Government and Government aided schools had increased. However, in recent years, enrolment rates have stabilized or