

However, all the sharing patterns indicated above shall be subject to the proviso that if the Central share is already below that indicated in the sharing pattern, then the Centre's share would remain capped at their present level.

All Core and Optional Schemes would be funded 100% by Centre in all Union Territories (without legislature). For Union Territories (with legislature), existing funding pattern would be followed for all Core of the Core and Core Schemes. For Optional Schemes, the funding pattern of 80% by Centre and 20% by Union Territories (with legislature) would be followed.

(c) All schemes of the Government of India are funded as per the above ratios and there is no "special scheme" under implementation.

Levy of Carbon Emission Tax

1503. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is already levying a Carbon Emission Tax which is pushing the cost of coal too high for gasification purpose for production of urea and generation of electricity in coming years; and

(b) if so, the future strategy of Government to lower down the cost for aforesaid purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The effective rate of Clean Energy Cess (now renamed as Clean Environment Cess) levied on coal, lignite and peat was increased from ₹200 per tonne to ₹400 per tonne in Budget 2016-17 with effect from 01.03.2016, for financing and promoting clean environment or clean energy initiatives and funding research in the area of clean environment or clean energy. Clean Environment Cess also acts as green tax, on the lines of polluter pays principle.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Amount of GDP spent on education

1504. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state total amount in percentage of the GDP spent on education during the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16; and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): Details of GDP spent on education in the Human Resource Development Budget, during the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as under: