

a new National Education Policy. Based on feedback/comments received from various stakeholders on the Draft National Education Policy 2019 submitted by the Committee for the Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan, the Ministry is in the process of finalizing the National Education Policy, 2020.

Furthermore, the Government has received recommendations of 10 Experts Groups under Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP). The recommendations were circulated to State Governments and other related departments of Government of India for suggestions and comments. The recommendations include increasing employability through various initiatives such as Vocational curriculum reforms, Internship platforms, creation of skills centres of excellence, infrastructural assistance to B.Voc institutions, counseling centres, etc. A final decision on the recommendations contained in EQUIP is under consideration.

Expenditure on Education

557. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Central budgetary allocation for education in proportion to the total Central budgetary allocation for all Ministries for the last five years;
- (b) details of total expenditure incurred on education by the Centre in proportion to the total expenditure incurred by the Centre for the last five years; and
- (c) details of expenditure on education by Centre as a percentage of GDP over the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) The proportion of allocation for Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to the total Central budget was 4.61%, 3.89%, 3.66%, 3.71% and 3.48% during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively.

(b) and (c) As per Analysis of Budgeted expenditure on Education 2017-18, the proportion of expenditure on education (in respect of all central ministries including MHRD) by centre to the total expenditure incurred by centre was 7.22%, 8.02%, 7.96%, 7.58% and 8.15% during 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, respectively. During the same period, expenditure on education as a percentage of GDP was 3.84%, 4.07%, 4.20%, 4.32% and 4.43%.