

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1158
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021**

Initiatives for affordability of education

1158. DR. AMEE YAJNIK.:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of initiatives taken by Government to reduce the fees of higher education in the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has taken any initiative to make professional education affordable for students belonging to middle class or lower middle class; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): The Government continuously endeavours to make education more affordable and prevent commercialization of it. In this regard, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has accepted the recommendations of National Fee Committee for the maximum Tuition and Development Fee for the Programme(s) and requested all the State/ UT Governments to adhere to these recommendations. These recommendations have also been included in the Approval Process Handbook of AICTE.

To provide financial assistance to the students, Ministry of Education is implementing schemes namely Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for Colleges and University Students (CSSS), Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir (SSS for J & K) and Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS). The AICTE is also implementing a number of scholarship schemes namely Post Graduate (PG) Scholarship, Saksham Scholarship Scheme for specially abled students, Pragati Scholarship Scheme for Girl Students, AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF), etc. In addition to it, University Grants Commission (UGC) also provides scholarship under different schemes namely "Ishan Uday" Special Scholarship Scheme for North Eastern Region, P.G. Scholarship for University Rank Holders, Junior Research Fellowship in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, BSR Fellowship and Emeritus Fellowship etc.
