

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 9
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022

Expenditure on higher education schemes

9 Shri Jawhar Sircar:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual budget allocations and the actual expenditure during the last five years under specific higher education schemes, namely, UGC Major Research Projects, UGC Minor Research Projects, RUSA, IMPRESS (ICSSR social science research funding programme) and IMPRINT (Ministry of Science and Technology research funding programme);
- (b) the annual expenditure on higher education as a whole in each of the preceding five years and the percentages of the Central budgets in terms of GDP; and
- (c) what are Government's specific plans to improve higher education in the country?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

- (a): The details of Annual budget estimate and the actual expenditure during the last five years under the schemes of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS), Impacting Research Innovation and Tehcnology (IMPRINT) and details of grants released by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under its scheme of Minor and Major Research Project (Science & Humanities) are at Annexure – I.
- (b): Details of expenditure on education as percent of GDP are at Annexure – II.
- (c): Improving the quality of education across all levels is a continuous and ongoing process. In this direction, the Government has announced the National Education Policy 2020 on 29.07.2020 which aims to address the many growing developmental imperatives of our country. This Policy proposes the revision and revamping of all aspects of the education structure, including its regulation and governance, accessibility, equity, inclusivity and affordability to create a new system while building upon India's traditions and value systems.

ANNEXURES REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 9 FOR 02.02.2022 ASKED BY SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, REGARDING EXPENDITURE ON HIGHER EDUCATION SCHEMES.

ANNEXURE – I

The details of Annual budget estimate and the actual expenditure during the last five years under the schemes of RUSA, IMPRESS and IMPRINT and details of grants released by the UGC under its scheme of Minor and Major Research Project (Science & Humanities) are as follows:

(Rs. in Crore)

Name of the Scheme	Budget estimate / actual expenditure / grant released	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
RUSA	Budget estimate	1300.00	1300.00	1400.00	2100.00	300.00
	Actual Expenditure	1126.90	1245.97	1393.00	1277.82	165.20
IMPRESS*	Budget estimate	--	--	25.00	75.00	25.00
	Actual Expenditure	--	--	3.75	18.75	12.00
IMPRINT	Revised Budget Estimate	50.00	85.00	50.00	53.00	00
	Actual Expenditure	50.00	75.71	46.30	47.20	00
UGC Minor & Major Research Project (Science & Humanities)	Grant released by UGC to Universities and Colleges	42.70	38.60	13.26	5.75	0.38

* The Government has Sanctioned 'IMPRESS' Scheme on 13.08.2018 for implementation upto 31.03.2021.

ANNEXURE – II

Details of expenditure on education as percent of GDP are as follows:

Year	GDP (Rs. in crore)	Total Expenditure on Education (Rs in crore)	Total Expenditure on Education as % of GDP	Total Centre Expenditure on Education (Rs. in crore)	Total Centre Expenditure on Education As % of GDP
2014-15	12467959	506849.14	4.07	133391.82	1.07
2015-16	13771874	577792.52	4.20	142562.97	1.04
2016-17	15391669	653099.33	4.24	168322.25	1.09
2017-18(RE)	17098304	733680.51	4.29	182421.63	1.07
2018-19(BE)	18971237	815437.23	4.30	187700.77	0.99
