

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2122**  
ANSWERED ON-19/03/2025

**Reducing Budgetary Allocation to Higher Education**

2122 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the percentage of spending on Higher Education as a part of GDP;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the net allocation on Higher Education in the current financial year has decreased as against the net allocation for the previous financial year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any student aid programs or scholarships have been discontinued in the current financial year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

- (a) As per “Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education” 2021-22, total expenditure (Centre & State together) on Higher Education as a percentage of GDP is 1.29.
- (b) & (c) No, the net budget allocation in Higher Education by M/o Education has increased to Rs. 50,078 crore in 2025-26 from Rs. 47,620 crore in 2024-25.
- (d) & (e) No scholarship scheme or students aid programme has been discontinued in the current financial year.

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