

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:295
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GIRLS EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated proportion of total education budget being utilized for girls' education in the country;
- (b) whether financial assistance is given to girl students passing class VII for improving and promoting girl enrolment in secondary education;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount released and utilized under this scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, state-wise; and
- (e) the other steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 295 FOR REPLY ON 25TH APRIL, 2012 ASKED BY SHRI PINAKI MISRA REGARDING GIRLS EDUCATION

(a) The Gender Budget of the Department of School Education and Literacy provided for a total budget of R 14970.59 Crore for the year 2010-11 (RE) and R 18782.21 Crore for 2011-12 (RE) for girls' education.

(b) and (c) There is no scheme for providing financial assistance to girl students passing class VII for improving and promoting girl enrolment in secondary education. However, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education", was launched in May 2008 with the objective to establish an enabling environment to reduce the drop-outs and to promote the enrolment of girl children in secondary schools. According to the scheme, a sum of R 3,000/- is deposited in the name of eligible unmarried girls below 16 years as fixed deposit, who are entitled to withdraw it along with interest thereon on reaching 18 years of age and after passing class 10. The scheme covers (i) all girls belonging to SC/ST communities, who pass class 8 and (ii) all girls who pass class 8 from Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (irrespective of whether they belong to SC/ST) and enrol in class IX in Government, Government-aided and local body schools.

(d): The amount released and utilized under the National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 is given at Annexure. No funds have been released under the scheme during the financial year 2012-13 so far.

(e) Other steps taken to improve girls' education include the following:

The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) is a major initiative to provide for residential upper primary schools for girls from SC, ST, OBC & Muslim communities.

National Programme of Education for Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) provides additional provisions under SSA for enhancing the education of underprivileged/disadvantaged girls at elementary level through more intense community mobilization, the development of model schools in clusters, gender sensitisation of teachers, development of gender sensitive learning materials, early child care and education facilities and provision of need-based incentives like escorts, stationery, work books and uniforms etc. for girls.

Construction and Running of Girls' Hostel for Students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools, a centrally sponsored scheme launched in 2008-09 envisages construction of hostel with capacity of 100 girls in each of the nearly 3500 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) in the country.