

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 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 utilised for girls' education in the country;
- (b) whether any 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 utilised 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 (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): The Gender Budget of the Ministry of Human Resource Development provided for a total budget of Rs. 22167.53 crore for the year 2013-14 (RE) for girls' education.

Centrally sponsored scheme, "National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education" provides Rs.3,000/- which 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 (KGBVs) and enrol in class IX in Government, Government-aided and local body schools.

The amount released and utilized under the National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is given at Annexure. No funds have been released under the scheme during 2014-15 so far.

(e): Other schemes to support girls education at the secondary level of education include the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan and the Girls Hostel Scheme in Educationally Backward Blocks of the country.