

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 166
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

Affordable Education

166. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that the cost of education especially in the Higher Education is very high which is not affordable for the common students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to to make the Higher Education affordable in addition to support the financially backward students for education?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(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.
