

# **Funding Primary Education in India**

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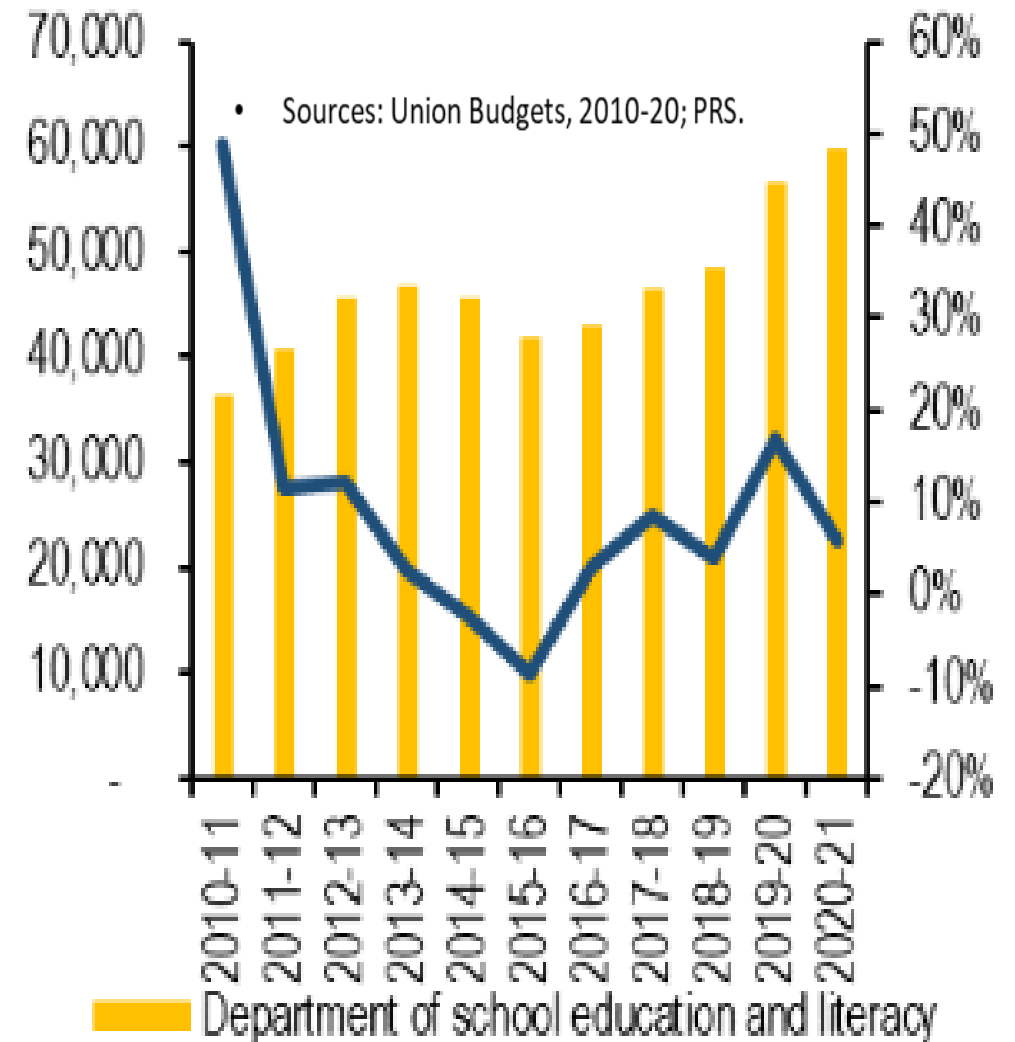
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# Budget Allocation in Elementary Education

- In 2020-21, the Department has been allocated Rs 59,845 crore, a 5.9% increase over the revised estimates of 2019-20. Figure shows the allocation of the Department of School Education and Literacy over the past 10 years (2010-20).
- Figure : Allocation to Department of School Education and Literacy (2010-20) (in Rs crore)
- Note that in 2015-16, the allocation was reduced by 9%. Since then, the allocation has been on an upward trajectory. Between 2010-11 and 2020-21, allocation to the Department has grown at an average annual rate of 5%. Table 3 compares actual allocation of the Department with the budget estimates.



Revised estimates have been used for 2019-20 and Budget estimates for 2020-21

# Education for All

• Samagra Shiksha has been allocated Rs 38,751 crore in 2020-21. This is an increase of 6.8% from the revised estimates of 2019-20. Note that, Teacher Training and Adult Education (subsumed under Samagra Shiksha) has been allocated Rs 110 crore in 2020-21. This is an increase of 515% from the revised estimates of 2019-20. However, the Department had budgeted to spend Rs 125 crore in 2019-20 which was revised down to Rs 18 crore.

• Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS): Expenditure on Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) increased by about 11% in 2020-21 from the revised estimates of 2019-20. The MDMS targets children in the same age group as covered by the SSA (6 to 14 years).

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- The GER at the upper primary (92.8%), secondary (80%) and senior secondary (56.2 %) levels have increased in the last few years. Note that, while enrolment has gone up at the secondary level, overall there is a decline in the number of children staying in school.
- Also, the amount of funds being spent on elementary education (class 1-8) has been significantly higher than the expenditure on secondary education (class 9-12).

Sources: Education statistics at a glance, Ministry of Human Resource Development, 2018; PRS.

# Expenditure on School Education

Year	SSA	RMSA	Total
2014-15	24,123	3,398	27,521
2015-16	21,590	3,562	25,152
2016-17	21,678	3,699	25,377
2017-18	19,319	3,602	22,921
Year	Samagra Shiksha		
2018-19	29,294		
2019-20	25,404		

## Funding Sources:

- Central Govt.
- State Govt.
- NGO
- World Bank
- UNESCO