



Rs. 503.28 Crores spent during 2013-14 to 2015-16 under Early Childhood Care and Education Policy

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The aim of Early Childhood Care and Education policy is to achieve holistic development and active learning capacity of all children below 6 years of age by promoting free, universal, inclusive, equitable, joyful and contextualised opportunities for laying foundation and attaining full potential. A total of 3.4 Crores children of 3-6 year age group are availing benefits of Pre-School education including 1.7 Crore boys and 1.7 Crore girls. A total amount of Rs. 503.28 Crores has been spent during the year 2013-14 to year 2015-16.

Year wise details of amount spent under Early Childhood Care and Education Policy:

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Amount (Rs. In Crores)	145.32	231.95	126.01

The key areas of the Policy are as below:

- Access with equity and inclusion in programmes and interventions across service providers;
- Improving quality, Strengthening Capacity, Monitoring and Supervision
- Research and Documentation
- Advocacy and awareness generation
- Convergence and Coordination among policies and programmes
- Institutional and Implementation Arrangements
- Partnerships, Periodic Review and Increased investment towards ECCE

Under the National Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Policy the States/UTs are required to introduce Annual Contextualized Curriculum along with Pre-School Education (PSE) kit by aligning to the curriculum, activity books and celebrate ECCE day on monthly basis.

This information was given by Minister of State for Women & Child Development, Smt Krishna Raj in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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