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# All India Democratic Students' Organisation

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To,  
The Editor

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Sir,

The All India Committee of AIDS0 strongly opines that the latest central budget on education has come as a big disappointment as it miserably fails to respond to the genuine aspirations of the students as well as the cause of education.

The central governments' announcement of an increase in allocation for primary education from Rs 26,800 to around Rs 31,036 crores is a pittance considering the huge challenges before education. Allotment of just an additional Rs.4,236 crores for entire school education raises serious doubts whether crores of children who are kept out of the ambit of school education would at all be immediately brought under the provision of free and compulsory education as committed by the government. Again a lions share of the overall budget will be spent towards implementation of right to education act which itself has triggered wide resentment and has excluded under its ambit pre-primary and higher secondary education.

Further, the governments' tall claim that enrollment to higher education would be soon enhanced to 20% from the existing 10% stands also exposed, considering the budgetary allocation (Rs 11,000Crores) of just an additional Rs 1,400 crores. A significant portion of this amount would be channelised towards public-private partnership programmes and for the establishment of so called world class university as well as private and foreign universities under which a very huge amount of fees will be charged as tuition fees depriving the vast section of students.

These measures coupled with the ongoing policies of all out privatisation and commercialisation of education will not only continue to torment the students particularly the poor students but will further trigger degeneration of education system of our country by trampling upon the banner of scientific and democratic education .

Therefore, the crying need of the hour is to truly ensure free and compulsory education for all children, vastly improve the quality of school education by providing all the necessary infrastructure facilities, immediately fill up lakhs of vacant posts existing in schools throughout the country and open well equipped colleges and universities under government funding among others.

To translate these necessities into action and also to free education from the impending catastrophe, the AIDS0 demands the central government to allot at least 10% of the central budget on education. AIDS0 further calls upon the students in particular and all education loving people in general to raise their voice to pressurise the government towards this end.

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