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**NATIONAL SCHEME OF INCENTIVE TO GIRLS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION**

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The Gender Budget of the Ministry of Human Resource Development has provided for a total budget of Rs 19918.41 crore for the year 2015-16 (BE) for girls' education.

Under the Centrally sponsored scheme, “National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education” Rs 3,000/- is deposited in the name of an unmarried girl below 16 years as fixed deposit, which she is entitled to withdraw along with interest upon reaching 18 years of age and after having passed class 10. The scheme covers (i) all girls belonging to SC/ST communities, who pass class eight and (ii) all girls who pass class eight from Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) and enroll in class IX in either Government, Government-aided or local body schools.

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.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt Smriti Irani in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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