



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

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WRITTEN QUESTION

Hon. Hem Chand to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the names of schools that did not receive Free Education Grant last year because the schools did not fulfill the requirements of the Ministry.

Response

1. Free Education Grant disbursement is subject to schools meeting the Ministry's financial management and accountability requirements.
2. Based on the Ministry of Education's records for the Year 2025, a total of 42 schools, comprising 35 primary schools and 7 secondary schools, did not receive the Free Education Grant in the academic year due to non-compliance with the Ministry's requirements.

District		Primary	Secondary
1	Eastern	20	4
2	Lautoka/Yasawa	6	1
3	Macuata/Bua	2	-
4	Nadroga/Navosa	3	-
5	Cakaudrove	2	1
6	Nausori	2	1
Total		35	7

3. However, compared to previous years, for example in 2022, 117 Primary and 41 Secondary Schools were non-compliant and did not receive the Free Education Grant during the academic year.
4. As per the School Management Handbook the grant payment conditions are completion of class audit (Student numbers) on Termly basis on FEMIS, update of the monthly bank reconciliations, submission of Annual Financial Report (AFR), and the submission of Annual General Meeting minutes.
5. As a way forward for better accountability and transparency for the use of FEG, MoE is reviewing the School Management Handbook in line with the Education Act 2026 and for efficient operations and maintenance of the school.

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