

Issues with education loans

What is the status of educational loans in India?

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- NPA level of education loans are high in India. $\space{\space{1.5}n}$
- Loans were more likely not offered to the poor. $\slash n$
- The branch managers don't have the power to grant education loans. $\slash n$
- Many of first-generation learners are applying for the loans. $\ensuremath{\sc n}$
- The poor student population either need to sell their assets or get loans of mortgage.

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What are the issues with educational loans?

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- In actual practice the loans given by the banks were few. $\slash n$
- Banks invariably insisted on collateral, but banks were forbidden to ask for collateral except in the case of a loan in excess of \n

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Rs 7.5 lakhs.

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- The average growth rate of the loan in the last years is just 5.3 per cent. $\space{\space{1.5}\$
- Due to NPA's in other sectors as well as in education sector, banks think that education loans are not a priority. \nlambda{n}

 The graduates are unable to repay the loans because they cannot find jobs in a period of jobless growth.

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• For collection of loans banks are going after borrowers like savage moneylenders.

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How marginal class are denied of loans?

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- Bank management rejects applicant that her place of residence or the place of the college did not fall within the service area of the branch. \n
- If a persevering applicant was able to cross all the hurdles, the ultimate weapon of denial was to demand collateral. \n
- In case the student was able to provide the collateral citing some obscure rule only a part of the amount applied for was sanctioned. \n

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What are the measures taken so far?

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- Branch manager don't have deciding powers on granting such loans. $\slash n$

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• The applications be sent to the regional office or the head office for appraisal and decision.

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• The concept of service area was abolished.

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