

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the percentage of total expenditure being incurred on the elementary education has been constantly falling since the Fifth Five Year Plan period;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard and the percentage of expenditure on education at present;
- (c) whether the Government propose to take some measures for increasing the total expenditure on education particularly primary education in terms of percentage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

- (a) No, Sir, In fact the percentage of outlays on elementary education has increased from 35% in the Fifth Five Year Plan to 66% in the Ninth Five Year plan.
- (b) to (d): Due to the priority accorded by government to education during the last five decades, the percentage of budgeted expenditure on education and training to total revenue expenditure on all sectors (Centre and States) has risen steadily from 7.92 in 1951 to 13.73 in 1997. It is the constant endeavour of Government to raise allocation for education. Central Plan allocation on education for the Ninth Plan is rs. 24,908 crore as against the expenditure of Rs. 85.22 crore in the Eighth Plan. This represents an increase by 192%. The current years Central Plan outlay of Rs. 5449.04 crore represents an increase of 24% over the last years revised Estimates of Rs 4384.96 crore. This demonstrates the Central Government's commitment to the cause of education. The high priority given to elementary education is reflected in the increase in percentage of allocations from 42% in Eighth Plan to 66% in Ninth Plan..