

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:423
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2002
HIGHER EDUCATION
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission has projected a funding of around Rs.10,000 crore for higher education in the next five years;
- (b) if so, the main features of this proposal;
- (c) whether any concrete programmes have been worked out in consultation with the State Governments in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 423 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.4.2002 REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION ASKED BY SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI AND SHRI G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA, MPs.

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) & (d): UGC formulates its plan and programmes in accordance with the requirement of universities; wherever necessary, consultation with State Governments is done. It provides development and maintenance expenditure to Central Universities and development grants and other grants to eligible institutions of higher learning. The thrust areas of development identified for Xth Five Year Plan of UGC, inter-alia, are: development of universities, enhancing access and equity, promotion of relevance, promotion of quality and excellence, improvement in management and efficiency of higher education, strengthening scientific research and provision for Engineering & Technology subjects.