

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

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F.D.I. IN ELEMENTARY AND PRIMARY EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to permit Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in education sector, particularly elementary and primary education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the FDI proposals approved and the proposals which are at an advanced stage of approval;
- (d) whether any policy guidelines have been formulated in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the extent to which FDI is likely to improve the education sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) & (b): There is no separate sectoral policy notified for education sector. By virtue of Press Note 2(2000 Series), FDI up to 100% is allowed on automatic route in the Education Sector. In the recent review of policy notified vide Press Note 4 (2006 Series) there is no change in the policy for education sector. In addition, as indicated in the same Press Note No.2(2000 series), the investor may choose to make an application direct to the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) without availing the automatic route.
- (c): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f): Experience with FDI in education is recent and no serious analysis has been made of the data available.