

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

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HIGHER EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has sought additional fund of Rs.3400 crore for remaining period of 10th plan ending on March 31, 2007 to revolutionize higher education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the detailed plan chalked out by the Government for the sum demanded from the Planning Commission;
- (c) the total funds likely to be made available to central universities in different States and setting up of University of Excellence alongwith the response of the Planning Commission;
- (d) whether the Government proposes setting up of University in each State apart from the existing University as reported in the Times of India, dated January 7, 2006;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the total expenditure involved therein and how it would be met;
- (g) whether Government has plan for achieving goals in higher education; and
- (h) if so, the plans, perspective and the allocation of grants for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c), (g) & (h) : Allocation of plan resources for higher education by the Planning Commission is subject to availability of financial resources and approval of the Budgetary provisions by Parliament. The approved size of the 10th Plan for higher education was Rs.4176.50 crores. During the years 2002-2003, 2003- 04 and 2004-05, an expenditure of Rs.619.14 crore, Rs.560.44 crore and Rs.789.95 crore have been incurred respectively. During 2005-06, Rs.873.27 crore has been approved at RE stage. Based on the approval of Parliament, the Central Government and the University Grants Commission would allocate resources for various schemes for strengthening higher education including that of assisting universities with potential for excellence.

(d) &(e): No sir.

(f) Does not arise.