

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

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

- (a) the amount of education cess collected during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether special aid is likely to be given to States with literacy rate below national average;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount earmarked for various States and Union Territories including Madhya Pradesh out of the amount collected through education cess;
- (e) whether any scheme is being contemplated by the Government for the expansion of secondary education;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the manner in which the children educated under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan would get secondary education?

Answer

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

(a) : As per information received from Department of Revenue, the following amount of Education Cess has been collected during the last three years and the current year:-

Year Amount

2004-05 4159.39 crores

2005-06 7117.07 crores

2006-07 9037.23 crores

2007-08 2384.48 crores

(April-Sept)
provisional figures

(b)to(d): The proceeds of Education Cess credited into Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) are utilized exclusively for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme. Expenditure on SSA and MDM Scheme is incurred from PSK after the funds provided by way of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) are fully utilized. No specific allocation is made separately to States/UTs against the amount collected through Education Cess. Assistance under PSK is released to States/UTs as per the schematic pattern and budgetary allocation for SSA and MDM Scheme.

(e)to(g); The Central Government is committed to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all children. A major initiative to expand secondary education is being taken in the 11th Five Year Plan. A scheme named `Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan` with the main objective to provide universal access by 2015 and universal retention by 2020 is proposed to be launched soon.