

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the recommendations of the National Information Commission regarding higher education includes an increase in the education fee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment on the impact of increasing in education fee on the education sector and the students;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any action plan in the light of the recommendations of the National Information Commission; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): While the Government is not aware of any Commission by the name of National Information Commission, it may be mentioned that the National Knowledge Commission has, inter-alia, recommended that as a norm, fees should meet at least 20% of the total expenditure in universities.

In the XI Plan document, the Planning Commission has, inter-alia, suggested that since most university students come from top 10% of the population by income levels, they would be able to pay fees amounting to 20% of the operating cost of general higher education. The fees for professional courses could be much higher. The fee levels should, therefore, be increased gradually in existing institutions but the new norms could be implemented in new institutions from the start.