

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALLOCATION FOR EDUCATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to spend around 20 per cent of the total Eleventh Five Year Plan budget on education as against the approximate 9% spent during the Tenth plan;
- (b) if so whether the existing educational institutions are prepared enough to absorb this volume of funds;
- (c) if so, the details thereof,
- (d) the total funds allotted during 2008-09; and
- (e) the concrete measures the Government proposes to utilize these funds for immediate betterment of the education system?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

- (a) : Out of the total projected Eleventh Plan outlay of Rs. 14,21,711 crore (at 2006-07 prices) Rs. 2,74,228 crore is projected to be allocated for Education Sector which is 19.29% of the total outlay
- (b), (c) and (e) : Necessary action for formulation and implementation of appropriate programmes and schemes has been taken in consultation with the concerned Central Ministries and the State Governments.
- (d) : During 2008-09 Plan, Rs. 34,400 crore has been allocated for the Department of School Education & Literacy and the Department of Higher Education under Ministry of Human Resource Development.