

**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 details of Education Cess collected by the Government during the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the amount disbursed to each State and Union Territory out of the amount collected during the said period;
- (c) the criteria for disbursement of this amount to the States;
- (d) the Central assistance out of the educational cess,given to Gujarat during the said period and earmarked for 2008-09 for various education schemes,scheme-wise;
- (e) whether the State was given its share so as to fully utilise the Central assistance; and
- (f) if so,the details thereof;and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per information furnished by Ministry of Finance,the amount collected on account of Education Cess during the current financial year is 393.06 crores for Direct Taxes and Rs.2436.55 crores for Indirect Taxes(till August,2008).State-wise figures regarding collection of Education Cess are not maintained.

(b) & (c): Education Cess is not a part of the net proceeds of the divisible pool of sharable taxes based on constitutional provisions and as per the recommendations of the Twelfth Finance Commission.The proceeds of 2% Education Cess credited into a non-lapsable fund called 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.

(d) to (f): Doesn't arise.