

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

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated for education during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to raise the allocation to the level of international norms in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken by the Government for providing admission to students belonging to disadvantaged/economically weaker sections of the society in private institutions?

Answer

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

(a): The details of funds allocated (Plan & Non-Plan) for the Ministry of Human Resource Development(MHRD) during last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

	2006-07 (B.E)	2007-08 (B.E)	2008-09 (B.E)
Department of School Education & Literacy	18990.09	23142.22	27850.00
Department of Higher Education	5019.70	9212.00	10859.37
Total MHRD	24009.79	32354.22	38709.37

(b) to (d): Government has accorded very high importance to the education sector during the XI Five Year Plan period and accordingly plan allocation of Rs.2,69,873 crore has been provided to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Rs. 1,84,930 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs. 84,943 crore for the Department of Higher Education),as compared to a total expenditure of about Rs.58,820 crore during the X Five Year Plan, which is about five fold increase over the expenditure during the X Five Year Plan.The main thrust of the XI Five Year Plan is to expand the enrolment capacity in higher education with a view to provide greater access to it while ensuring reduction in regional,social and gender imbalance and improvement in quality.

The Ministry has undertaken various initiatives in the area of School Education & Literacy as well as in the Higher Education Sector for the benefit of disadvantaged/economically weaker sections of the society to ensure inclusiveness.One major step in this direction is to provide reservation for Other Backward Classes(OBCs) belonging to non-creamy layer,in admission to all the Central Educational Institutions of higher learning.Other important policy initiatives include expansion of existing and setting up of new,central educational

institutions, assistance to states for setting up of 374 new degree colleges in educationally backward districts, setting up of new Polytechnics in unserved and underserved districts wherein preference will be given to the localities which will benefit SCs/STs/OBCs/Minorities with a view to increase access to the disadvantaged sections of the society and reduce regional imbalances; special focus on the construction of hostels for women; new scholarship scheme for university and college students. Twenty new Navodaya Vidyalayas have also been sanctioned in districts having concentration of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes population. Apart from these, the Commercial Banks are offering education loans for taking up higher education.