

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

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CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to rationalise the criteria for the allocation of funds for higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take the co-operation of private sector to give a fillip to higher education; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Eleventh Plan approved by the National Development Council (NDC) has arrived at allocation of funds for higher education on rational criteria of access to overcome regional imbalances. The Plan document is available on the website of the Planning Commission i.e. planningcommission.gov.in.

(c) & (d): The Government is aware that given the magnitude of requirement of funds for increasing enrolment and enhancing quality of institutions of higher learning, private not for profit investment will have to be encouraged. A Round Table on Higher Education has been constituted to deliberate inter alia on the measures required for boosting private sector investment in higher education.