

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:40
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2010
EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the budgetary allocation made to the education sector is adequate to provide necessary and quality education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the percentage of Gross Domestic Product spent on education during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Union Government to raise public spending on education?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 40 BY SHRI GOVIND PRASAD MISHRA AND DR. RAM SHANKAR HON'BLE MPs REGARDING 'EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION' TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.02.2010.

(a) to (c): Central Government has launched several new schemes in the XI plan such as Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), Model Schools, ICT in schools, National Mission in Education through ICT, Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQUIP) Phase II, Establishment of new institutions and upgradation of existing institutions, new scholarship scheme etc. These initiatives are expected to lead to increased access while ensuring quality and inclusiveness in education sector. The expenditure on education by Departments of education and other departments of Centre and State as percentage of GDP available for the years 2006-07, 2007- 08 and 2008-09 are 3.63, 3.74 (Provisional) and 3.78 (Provisional) respectively. During XI Five Year Plan, Ministry of Human Resource Development has been allocated Rs.2,69,873 crore (Rs.1,84,930 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs.84,943 crore for the Department of Higher Education) which constitutes 19.4% of the total XI Five Year Plan allocation, as compared to 7.7% in the X Five Year Plan. This substantial increase in central plan outlay for education represents a very substantial effort on the part of the Central Government towards raising public spending on education. Overall progress towards this goal would however, also depend on the efforts made by the States.