

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

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NRI INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION SECTOR

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

(a) whether the Union Government is considering to relax regulations to help Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to invest and participate in the growth of education sector to achieve 10 percent growth in the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Eleventh Plan envisages a target of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of Higher Education of 15% to be achieved by 2011-12 and a target of 21% to be achieved by the terminal year of the Twelfth Plan. Increase in GER of this magnitude would require investment to be attracted from various sources. While there is no specific proposal aimed at investment by Non-Resident Indians, the policy framework tries to ease the process of investment in higher education including professional education.