

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GDP ON HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) incurred on higher education during the last three years; and
- (b) the efforts being made by the Government to make available higher education to the common and poor people?

Answer

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

(a): The percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) incurred on higher education during last three years is 0.49, 0.51 and 0.56 during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively.

(b): There has been nearly nine times increase in public outlays during 11th Plan as compared to 10th Plan. This increased outlay is meant for creating new institutions, strengthening existing institutions and improving quality all of which contribute towards higher education for the common masses including the poor among them. In addition, the Central Educational Institution (Reservation in Admission) Act 2006, provides reservation for students belonging to SC, ST and OBC categories. A scheme to provide interest subsidy for the period of moratorium to students, belonging to Economically weaker sections, on the educational loan taken by them under the Education Loan Scheme of Indian Banks' Association for pursuing professional studies in India, is also under consideration of the Government.