

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:359
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2010
REDUCTION IN BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has recommended reduction in the budgetary allocations for higher and technical educations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been under utilisation of funds allocated for the purpose during the first three years of the current five year plan period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 359 ASKED BY SHRI MANOHAR TIRKEY AND SHRI RUDRA MADHAB RAY HON'BLE MPs REGARDING 'REDUCTION IN BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS' TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.8.2010.

(a) & (b) : An allocation of Rs.11000 crore has been made for Department of Higher Education during 2010-11 as against Rs.9600 crore during 2009-10, which is 14.58% higher than the previous year allocation.

(c) to (e): Plan Allocation and Expenditure of Department of Higher Education during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Budget Estimates (BE) | Revised Estimates (RE) | Actual Expenditure |
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| 2007-08 | 6483.00 | 3261.35 | 3141.51 |
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| 2008-09 | 7600.00 | 6806.50 | 6711.98 |
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| 2009-10 | 9600.00 | 7952.00 | 7791.77 |
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The low expenditure during 2007-08 is mainly due to non utilisation of the amount Rs.3200 crore which was provided for implementing the recommendations of Oversight Committee (OSC) but could not be spent during the year due to stay on the implementation of the Central Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 by the Apex Court. As regard to the year 2008-09 and 2009-10, the allocation provided for the new schemes could not be fully utilised due to delay in the approval of the Schemes at various stages. Constant monitoring is a regular measure for proper utilisation of funds allocated under various schemes of the Department.