

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

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NATIONAL EDUCATION PLAN

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has described the Eleventh Five Year Plan as 'National Education Plan';
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the World Bank Report estimates that only 10 to 25 per cent of general college graduates are suitable for employment;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the country need 2.3 million knowledge professionals by 2010; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government for improving the quality of education in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Government has not described Eleventh Five Year Plan specifically as "National Education Plan". However, the Eleventh Five Year Plan places highest priority to Education as a central instrument for achieving rapid and inclusive growth. It presents a comprehensive strategy for strengthening the Education Sector covering all segments of the education pyramid. The share of education on the total plan outlay has been increased from 7.7% in Tenth Five Year Plan to 19.24% in the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(c) & (d): Providing good quality of education has always been a major concern of the Government. It has been the Government's endeavour to ensure continuous and sustained improvement in the quality of education at all levels. Improvement in quality of education is one of the objective of Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(e) and (f): There is a mismatch between demand and supply in the education sector. To cater to this need, Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at major expansion of education system by setting up of new institutions as well as upgradation of existing ones.