

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to raise public spending in education to at least 6% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
- (b) if so, the amount/percentage of GDP proposed to be spent on primary and secondary sectors;
- (c) whether the Government proposes a cess on all Central taxes to finance the commitment to universalize access to quality basic education; and
- (d) if so, the amount of financial assistance proposed to be given to each State for universalize access to quality basic education?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): National Policy on Education, 1986 as modified in 1992 had laid down that the investment on education be gradually increased to reach a level of 6% of the National Income as early as possible.

(c) & (d): State-wise allocations are not made by this Ministry. An Education Cess @2% on Central Taxes was imposed in 2004 to augment resource for elementary education. An additional cess of 1% on Central Taxes was also levied with effect from the financial year 2007-08 to fund Secondary Education & Higher Education.