

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the contribution of education in Gross Domestic Product in India and other countries, each separately;
- (b) the comparative figure of expenditure on education in India and other countries, each separately; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the position?

Answer

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

(a) : As per the data available with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, the expenditure on education in India as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 3.78 % (Provisional) during 2008- 09. Similar data for other countries is not being maintained by this Ministry. However , as per the figures published by UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) in its publication titled, "Global Education Digest 2010", contribution of education in Gross Domestic Product in some of other countries were Egypt (3.8%), Azerbaijan (1.9%), Georgia (2.9%), Tajikistan (3.5%), Hong Kong SAR of China (3.3 %), Thailand (4.9%), Peru (2.7%), Jamaica (6.2%), Pakistan (2.9%), Bangladesh (2.4%), Ethiopia (5.5.%), United Republic of Tanzania (6.8%) and Zambia (1.4%) during 2008.

(b): The expenditure on education in India was Rs.186498.57 crore (BE) during 2008-09. However, expenditure on education for other countries is not maintained by this Ministry.

(c): During XI Plan, a substantial increase has been made in Central Plan Allocation to augment the funds for education sector. This substantial increase in Central Plan outlay for education represents a very substantial effort on the part of the Central Government towards raising public spending on education towards the goal of spending 6% of GDP on education. Overall progress towards this goal would however, also depend on the efforts made by the States.