

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is raising awareness about the environment among the students especially in the rural and backward areas of the country in the Eleventh Plan period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated and spent so far in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In accordance with National Curriculum Framework, 2005, the primary stage of school education includes compulsory subject on "Environment Studies". At the Upper Primary and Secondary Stages of school education, the environment concerns and issues are included at appropriate places in the textbooks and other curricular materials.

The syllabus prescribed by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has taken cognizance of environmental problems and introduced elements of environmental education for all classes up to secondary level in all its affiliated schools including those located in rural and backward areas of the country. The subject is also transacted through activity and project mode.

Eco-clubs in Government schools under the National Green Corps (NGC) programme of Ministry of Environment & Forests have been functioning since 2000-2001. The objective is to spread of environment awareness amongst school children.

(c): During the year 2010-2011, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has allocated Rs.165 lakh under the programme "Environment Orientation to School Education" of the Scheme "Quality Improvement in Schools". The expenditure so far has been to the extent of Rs. 27.47 lakh.

Ministry of Environment and Forest has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 24.44 lakh for eco-club during 2010-2011.