

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

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has submitted its report to the Government and indicated that there is slowness in progress in the field of higher education by Central as well as State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the UGC has also indicated that there is double progress in the field of higher education by private sector as compared to public sector;
- (d) if so, whether it would not deny the higher education to poor, who could not afford and go to private sector;
- (e) if so, whether the Government has fixed any target in higher education sector during Twelfth Five Year Plan ; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has submitted a Report of the Expert Committee on Public Private Partnership, to the Government. It has been stated therein that despite a massive increase in public investment, it would be difficult to meet the stated objectives of raising the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) to 15% by 2012.
- (c): The report has acknowledged that there is an increasing trend of participation of the private sector in the higher education field.
- (d): The report recommends that suitable Public Private Partnership (PPP) models should be adopted where both philanthropy and service to the community is combined with a reasonable surplus of higher education income by the partnership that could be built between public and private sector institutions/individual, so that the disadvantage sections of the community are not deprived of access to higher education.
- (e) & (f): The Eleventh Five Year Plan document aims at increasing the GER to 21% by the end of the Twelfth Plan with an interim target of 15% by 2011-12.