

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

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COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has decided to decrease the funding of the colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether decrease in funding has resulted in increase in fees to improve the infrastructure of the campuses;
- (d) if so, whether the education would be costly beyond the reach of common man; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) No, Sir. According to University Grants Commission (UGC), the Plan allocation for UGC during XI Plan period has been increased as compared to X Plan period. The allocation during X Plan period was Rs. 3973 crores, while it was increased to Rs. 4644 crores during XI Plan. There is no plan to decrease the funding to colleges. All colleges which are eligible to receive grants under Section 12 B of UGC Act, 1956 are being funded by UGC. UGC is also implementing scheme to provide one time catch-up grants to those colleges which are not covered under Section 12 B of UGC Act, 1956. Therefore, there is no decrease in funding to college