

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

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NATIONAL EDUCATION PLAN

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has launched the Eleventh Five Year Plan as a "National Education Plan";
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the standard of education has been raised in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period as on date;
- (d) whether the World Bank Report has estimated that only 10 to 20 per cent of general college graduates are suitable for employment;
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (f) whether the country would need 2.3 million knowledge professionals by the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (g) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Government has not described Eleventh Five Year Plan specifically as "National Education Plan". However, the Eleventh Five Year Plan places highest priority to education as a central instrument for achieving rapid and inclusive growth. It presents a comprehensive strategy for strengthening the Education Sector covering all segments of the education pyramid. The actual plan allocation of Ministry of Human Resource Development is Rs.1,97,570 crore during XI Five Year Plan (2007-12) as compared to the X Five Year Plan (2002-07) allocation of Rs.58264 crore which is 3.4 times increase over X Five Year Plan.

(c) to (g): Good quality of education has always been a major concern of the Government. It has been the Government's endeavour to ensure continuous and sustained improvement in the quality of education at all levels. Improvement in quality of education is one of the objectives of Eleventh Five Year Plan. There is a mismatch between demand and supply in the education sector. To cater to this need, Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at major expansion of education system by setting up of new institutions as well as upgradation of existing ones.