

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

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INVESTMENT ON EDUCATION

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

(a) the amount likely to be invested on education sector during 2009-2010 in terms of share of Gross Domestic Products (GDP); and

(b) the time by which it is likely to be six percent?

**Answer**

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

(a): Total allocation (Plan & Non-Plan) for the Ministry of Human Resource Development during 2009-2010 is Rs.43982.21 crore (Rs.28799.21 crore for the Department of School Education and Literacy and Rs.15783.00 crore for the Department of Higher Education). The Gross Domestic Products (GDP) figures are not available for 2009-10.

(b): Government has accorded very high importance to the education sector during the XI Plan Period. An allocation of Rs.2,69,873 crore has been provided to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Rs.1,84,930 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs.84,943 crore for Department of Higher Education) during XI plan which constitutes 19.4% of the total XI Plan allocation, as compared to 7.7% in the X Five Year Plan. This is a very substantial effort on the part of the Central Government towards raising public spending on education towards the goal of 6% of GDP. Overall progress towards this goal, would however, also depend on the efforts made by the State Governments.