

**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 Government has termed Eleventh Five Year Plan as a National Education Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the experts have raised concerns over the quality education particularly in rural India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the country would need 2.3 million knowledge professionals by 2010; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Government has not termed Eleventh Five Year Plan specifically as a "National Education Plan". However, the Eleventh Five Year Plan places very high priority to Education as a central instrument for achieving rapid and inclusive growth. The share of education on the total plan outlay has been increased from 7.7 % in Tenth Five Year Plan to 19.24% in the Eleventh Five Year Plan. This reflects that high priority is being given to Education Sector by the Central Government.

(c) & (d): Providing 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 objective of Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(e) & (f): There is a mismatch between demand and supply in the education sector. To cater 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.