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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the recently released Indian Human Development Report by the Planning Commission shows the country's human development increased by 21% over the last decade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether according to the report India has recorded an impressive 28.5% rise in the education index;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other salient finding contained in the report on literacy, maternal mortality and poverty levels?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

- (a) to (d): The 'India Human Development Report 2011' published by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research has reported an increase of 21% in the country's Human Development Index (HDI) between 1999-2000 and 2007-08. It has also been mentioned in the report that the country's education index has improved by 28.5 % between 1999-2000 and 2007-08.
- (e): According to the India Human Development Report 2011, the female literacy has shown considerable improvement by nearly 50 % from 224 million in 2001 to 334 million in 2011 and the overall literacy rate in India has improved from 64.8 % in 2001 to 74% in 2011. According to the report, the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) has declined from 301 per 100,000 live births in 2001-03 to 212 per 100,000 live births in 2007-09. Regarding the poverty levels, the report states that the incidence of poverty in India has declined from 55 percent in 1973-74 to 27.5 percent on Uniform Recall Period basis in 2004-05. During this period, the absolute number of people living below the poverty line declined from 320 million to 300 million.