

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

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CONTRIBUTION OF EDUCATION IN GDP
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the contribution of higher education in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in India and other countries, separately;
- (b) the comparative figure of expenditure on higher education in India and other countries, during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, country-wise;
- (c) the percentage of GDP spent on higher education during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the position?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The percentage of GDP spent on higher education during 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 are 1.09%, 1.23% (provisional) and 1.25% (provisional) respectively. The expenditure on higher education in India was Rs.50088.92 crore, Rs.64881.41 crore (RE) and Rs.76288.11 crore (BE) during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively. However, expenditure on higher education for other countries is not maintained.

(d): During XI Plan, a substantial increase was made in Central Plan Allocation to augment the funds for higher education sector. This substantial increase in Central Plan Outlay for higher Education represents a very substantial effort on the part of the Central Government towards raising public spending on higher education.