

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

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FUNDS FOR EDUCATION SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the expenditure on education in the country as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at present;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to raise public spending in education to the level of 6% of GDP;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the steps being taken by the Government to reach the said level;
- (d) the details of the budget allocated/utilized for education sector during the last three years and the current year;
- (e) whether the Union Government has urged the State Governments to increase allocation for education; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the response received from each State so far in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): As per the data available with the Ministry of Human Resource Development,

Government of India, the expenditure on education in India as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 3.85% (provisional) during 2009-10. National Policy on Education, 1986 as modified in 1992 has laid down that the investment on education be gradually increased to reach a level of 6% of the National Income as early as possible.

Ministry of Human Resource Development was allocated a plan allocation of Rs.1,97,570 crore (Rs.1,49,784 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs.47,786 crore for the Department of Higher Education) during the XI Five Year Plan which is almost 3.4 times of the expenditure during X Five Year Plan. This substantial increase in Central Plan Outlay for education represents a very substantial effort on the part of the Central Government for raising public spending on education towards the goal of spending 6% of GDP for education.

(d) to (f): The details of budget allocation and expenditure during the last three years and current year by the Ministry of Human Resource Development is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation		Expenditure			
	Plan	Non Plan	Total	Plan	Non Plan	Total
2009-10	36400.00	8132.21	44532.21	31502.28	8779.67	40281.95
2010-11	46036.00	7872.00	53908.00	43497.47	8384.94	51882.41

2011-12 52060.00 11306.00 63366.00 50732.99 9477.40 60210.39

2012-13 61427.00 12649.00 74046.00 - - -

To encourage expenditure by states, several schemes have been launched during XI Plan such as (i) Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) to enhance access to secondary education and improve its quality (ii) Setting up of 6000 model schools at Block level (iii) Construction and running of girls's hostels for students of secondary and higher secondary schools (iv) Setting up of 374 new model degree colleges (v) Incentivising State Governments for expansion, inclusion & excellence (vi) Special assistance to upgrade institutions which could not get assistance under Section 12B of UGC Act (vii) National Mission in Education through ICT.