

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

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

- (a) the contribution of education in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the country and other countries;
- (b) the comparative figures of expenditure on education in the country and other countries; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the position?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b): The percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spent on education during 2009-10 is 3.85%. The expenditure on education in India was Rs.235996.22 crore (BE) during 2009-10. Similar data for other countries is not being maintained by this Ministry. However, as per the figures published by UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) in its publication titled, "Global Education Digest 2011", contribution of education in Gross Domestic Product in some of other countries were U.S.A.(5.5%), U.K.(5.4%), Japan (3.4%), Australia (4.4%), Russian Federation (4.1%), Egypt (3.8%), Azerbaijan (2.8%), Georgia (3.2%), Tajikistan (3.5%), Hong Kong SAR of China (4.5 %), Thailand (4.1%), Peru (2.5%), Jamaica (6.2%), Pakistan (2.7%), Bangladesh (2.4%), Ethiopia (5.5.%), United Republic of Tanzania (6.8%) and Zambia (0.8%) during 2009.

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