

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) India's ranking in the world in respect of Human Resource Development as on date;
- (b) whether India is lagging behind comparatively in the world in respect of human resource development despite a higher growth rate;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any action plan has been formulated to make India a leading country in this field; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): According to UNDP Human Development Indices: A Statistical update 2008 released on 18-12-2008, India ranked 132 amongst 179 countries in the year 2006. In value terms it shows a progress over previous years with human development index (HDI), value of 0.609 in 2006 as compared to 0.561 in the year 2000. All countries included in the HDI are classified into one of three categories: high human development index (HDI value 0.800 and above) medium human development index (HDI value 0.500-0.799) and low human development index (HDI value less than 0.500). India has been positioned in medium human development group by UNDP.