

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INADEQUATE FUNDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether about Rs.40,000 crore would be required for higher education in 12th Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that the Government expects that half of this amount would have to come from Corporate Sector;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the existing higher education system in India lags in comparison to global standards and is inadequate to meet the demand; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development had earlier proposed an outlay of Rs.3,86,256 crore for the XII Five Year Plan to meet the goals of enhanced access to higher education, ensuring greater inclusion and improved quality of higher education. However, the outlay for the XII Five Year Plan has not been finalized by the Planning Commission.

The process of broadening access, making higher education inclusive, and promoting excellence initiated during the XI Five Year Plan needs to be consolidated and expanded further during the XII Plan. The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education is targeted to reach 21 per cent by the end of the XII Plan (2017) and it is projected to reach 30 per cent by 2020. The Approach Paper to the XII Plan has indicated that an additional enrolment of ten million needs to be achieved. The Approach Paper to the XII Plan further states that resource constraints will make it difficult to meet the need of expanding higher education entirely through the public sector and private initiatives in higher education, including viable and innovative PPP models, will therefore, be actively promoted.

To meet the global standards, it is envisaged that during the XII Plan there will be a strategic shift towards improvement in the quality of higher education. Several measures have been initiated to make our higher education system comparable to global standards, such as, addressing faculty issues, strengthening research and innovation, governance and regulatory reforms, mandatory accreditation, examination reforms, choice based credit system, semester system, rejuvenating State institutions, reforming affiliating system, deploying information and communication technologies in teaching learning and internationalization.