

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of economic development in the country, the percentage of expenditure on health and education of the children has remained static over the last decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of expenditure on health and education of children in Gross Domestic Product?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (c): There has been an increase in the proportion of budget allocated to programmes for welfare and development of children in last decade.

The allocation for health and education as a proportion of the total Union Budget has also increased. The allocation for health and education, which was reported as 0.33% and 1.37% respectively in 2001-02, was 1.84% and 2.68% in the budget for 2011-12.