

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

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

- (a) the average amount being spent by the Government on graduation level education of a student;
- (b) whether the level of education in India is still lower in comparison with other countries despite spending of such huge amount by the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) : The data for the expenditure on education is maintained sector-wise for the elementary, secondary and higher education sectors. The higher education sector includes graduation, post- graduation and other professional courses. The disaggregated data for expenditure on graduation, post-graduation and other professional courses is not available in the compiled data of expenditure on higher education. The total expenditure (Centre and States taken together) on University and Higher Education and Technical Education during 2010-11 was Rs.87667.75 crore (Budget Estimates). The enrolment at the Under-Graduate level during 2010-11 was 1.98 crore (provisional).

(b) & (c): No Sir, the public expenditure on the education sector as a whole as a percentage of GDP of India is higher than countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh , while it is lower than countries like U.S.A and U.K.

(d): To meet global standards, the XIIth Plan will witness 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, the introduction of a choice-based credit system and semester system, rejuvenating State institutions, reforming the system of granting affiliations , deploying information and communication technologies in teaching, learning and greater internationalization.