

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FEE HIKE IN HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Knowledge Commission has recommended fee hike in the higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has made any evaluation of the impact of fee hike on the students and the education sector; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): The National Knowledge Commission (NKC) had recommended that it is for the universities to decide the level of fees but, as a norm, fee should meet at least 20 per cent of the total expenditure in universities, as "the low fee in public universities without any means testing, have meant unquantifiable benefits for unintended beneficiaries."

(c) & (d): The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee on Financing of Higher Education which examined the issue has, inter-alia, recommended that rates of cost recovery in higher education are already fairly high in many universities. The CABE Committee further recommended that revenue generation through student fees beyond 20 per cent may seriously affect access to higher education.