

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INDEX  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently conducted a survey to assess the Educational Development Index (EDI) at present in each State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the present level of EDI in the country is satisfactory; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to address the issue?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d): To assess progress of States and Union Territories towards the goal of Universalization of Elementary Education (UEE), an Educational Development Index (EDI) has been developed by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA). State-wise ranking on a composite index for Primary and Upper Primary level of education on 2007-08 data is at Annexure. The EDI has been developed on four broad parameters of access, infrastructure, teacher related indicators and elementary education outcomes.

To achieve universal elementary education, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is implemented in partnership with the States/UTs. A multipronged approach has been adopted under the SSA for improving educational outcome. These include, inter alia, opening of schools, strengthening of schools and improving the quality of education through improvement in school infrastructure, recruitment of additional teachers, provision of annual school grants and regular training of teachers. Educationally Backward States receive priority in allocation of funds under the SSA. In addition, capacity building of these States through trainings and workshops has been undertaken, especially in components in which these States are not performing well.