

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of spending of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on education during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the percentage of spending of GDP on education by other developing and developed countries; and
- (c) the reasons for not spending at least 6% of GDP by India on education?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The percentage of overall government expenditure on Education in relation to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during last three years is given below:

Year	Expenditure on Education (Centre + States) as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
2009-10	3.95%
2010-11	4.20% (Revised Estimate)
2011-12	4.17% (Budget Estimate)

As per the figures published by the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) in its publication titled, "Global Education Digest 2012", the share of education in Gross Domestic Product in some other countries were U.S.A.(5.4%), U.K.(5.6%), Japan (3.8%), Australia (5.1%), Russian Federation (4.1%), Egypt (3.8%), Azerbaijan (3.2%), Georgia (3.2%), Tajikistan (4.0%), Hong Kong SAR of China (3.6 %), Thailand (3.8%), Peru (2.7%), Jamaica (6.1%), Pakistan (2.4%), Bangladesh (2.2%), Ethiopia (4.7%), United Republic of Tanzania (6.2%) and Zambia (1.3%) during 2010.

(c): During the XII Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Human Resource Development have been allocated a sum of Rs.4,53,728 crore (Rs.3,43,028 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs.1,10,700 crore for the Department of Higher Education) as compared to actual expenditure in XI Five Year Plan which was Rs.1,77,566.86 crore (Rs.1,37,920.04 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs.39,646.82 crore for Department of Higher Education). This increase in central plan outlay for education represents a very substantial effort on the part of the Central Government for raising public spending on education towards the national goal of spending 6% of GDP for education. Overall progress towards this goal, would however, also depend on the efforts made by the States and the private sector.