

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GROWTH RATE OF EDUCATIONAL LOANS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the growth rate of education loan of the public sector banks has declined during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to review the present model of education loan scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b): The growth rate of education loans of the Public Sector Banks has shown a decline as may be seen from the data below:

Year	No. of Accounts (as on 31st March)	Balance Outstanding (No. in lakh)	(Rs in crore)	% growth rate (over previous year)
2010	19.12	35292.1		
2011	22.13	41343.8	17.15	
2012	23.72	46740.5	13.06	
2013	24.77	50954.1	9.02	

In order to encourage education loans, Banks whose growth under Education Loan is less than 10% over 2012-13 have been advised to launch special drive for boosting advances under this category.

(c) and (d): The Model Education Loan Scheme is modified from time to time by Indian Banks' Association (IBA) keeping in view the needs of the students. The last such revision was made in September, 2012.