

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:131

ANSWERED ON:16.07.2014

SPENDING ON EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether Kothari Commission (1968) had recommended 6% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to be spent on education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the spending further on education and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to examine the present allocation of funds for education with reference to growth in enrolment and rise in expenses on education per child and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.131 BY SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR AND SHRI D.K SURESH HON'BLE MPs REGARDING "SPENDING ON EDUCATION"

(a): Kothari Commission (1964-66) had recommended that 6 per cent of GDP should be spent on education. The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, had laid down that investment on education be gradually increased to reach a level of 6% of National Income as early as possible.

(b): Government has accorded high priority to Education Sector. During 2009-10, 2010-11(Revised Estimate) and 2011-12(Budget Estimate), the expenditure on Education as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is 3.95%, 4.20% and 4.17% respectively.

(c) & (d): During XII Five Year Plan the Plan Outlay of Ministry of Human Resource Development is 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.1,77,549.76 crore (Rs.1,37,902.94 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs.39,646.82 crore for the Department of Higher Education).