

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

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REDUCTION IN FUNDS FOR EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether funds for education have been drastically reduced;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the allocations made/ sanctioned and released for different States during the last two years and the current year, year-wise, State-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation of funds for education as per international norms and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a ) & (b): In the year 2014-15, the budget estimates for the Ministry of Human Resource Development was Rs. 82771.10 crore. The budget estimates for the year 2015-16 is Rs. 69074.76 crore for the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The budget estimates for this Ministry during 2015-16 have drawn up in the context of the 14th Finance Commission wherein a higher tax devolution of the States has been recommended.

(c): State-wise allocations are not made by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. However, funds are released to States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes ( CSS). Details of funds released to states during the last three years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are given at Annexure.

(d): Government has accorded high priority to education sector. During XII Five Year Plan, Ministry of Human Resource Development has been allocated Rs.453728 crore as compared to actual expenditure of Rs.177549.76 crore in XI Five year Plan, which is 39.14% increase. This shows a determined effort on the part of Central Government for increasing the allocation of funds for education sector.