

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's spending on education is one of the lowest in the world;
- (b) if so, the details of the percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spent on education in India;
- (c) the norms and standards laid down in schedule to Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to increase the funding to enable States/UTs to comply with norms stipulated in RTE Act?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : As per the data available with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, the expenditure on Education as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in India during the last three years is as under:

2009-10 - 3.95% (Actual Expenditure),  
2010-11 - 4.20% (Revised Estimate)  
2011-12 - 4.17% (Budget Estimate)

Similar data for other countries is not being maintained by this Ministry. However, as per the figures published by UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) in its publication titled, "Global Education Digest 2012", contribution of education in Gross Domestic Product in some of 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%), Brazil (5.7%), South Africa (6.0%) and Zambia (1.3%) during 2010

(c): The Schedule (Section 19 & 25 of RTE Act, 2009) to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 lays down the norms for the number of teachers for classes I-V and classes VI-VIII, the norms for school buildings including barrier free access, separate toilets for boys and girls, drinking water facility, kitchen shed, playground and fencing/ boundary wall, the minimum number of school working days/instructional hours in an academic year, the minimum number of working hours per week for teachers etc.

(d): During XII Five Year Plan, Ministry of Human Resource Development have been allocated 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). Further, taking into account the requirement of funds for implementation of the Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education (RTE), Act, 2009 the Government has maintained a more favorable fund sharing pattern of 65:35 (90:10 for NE States) applicable till 2014-15 instead of reducing it to 50:50, as per the funding pattern approved earlier.