

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various plans undertaken by the Government for the improvisation of Higher Education in the 12th Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of funds which have been spent for this purpose as on 31*1 December, 2014, state-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITIZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The Twelfth Plan build on the momentum generated during the Eleventh Plan and continue the focus on the `Three Es`-expansion, equity and excellence. However, the Plan proposes a paradigm change in the way we achieve such goals-through three new principles. First, an over-riding emphasis will be given to quality-as further expansion without quality improvement would be counterproductive for the future of India, given the serious quality issues noted in the sector. Second, the Plan also strives to diversify higher education opportunities, not only to meet the needs of employers, but also to offer a wide range of paths to success for our youth. India must develop world-class teaching institutions to impart key vocational and generic skills in a timely manner to cope with the rapidly changing labour market needs. Third, this excellence in diversity is implemented through governance reforms, to enable institutions to have the autonomy to develop distinctive strengths, while being held accountable for ensuring quality.

(b): State-wise allocations are not made by the Department of Higher Education. However, funds are released to States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). The Details of funds released to states during 2014-15 by the Department of Higher Education are given at Annexure-I.