

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Expenditure on Higher Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government expenditure in terms of percentage of gross domestic product on higher education in India is very low as compared to China, America and Britain;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year along with the comparative data of India and other countries in this regard;
- (c) the percentage expenditure of gross domestic product incurred on higher education during the last three years and current year:
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the expenditure on higher education in coming years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): As per the data available with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the expenditure on higher education (including technical education) in India out of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 1.34%, 1.36% and 1.43% (provisional) during 2010-11, 2011-12 (Revised Estimates) and 2012-13 (Budget Estimates) respectively. Similar data for other countries are not being maintained by this Ministry. However, as per the latest figures available on the website of UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) (www.uis.unesco.org), government expenditure on higher education as percentage of GDP in America and Britain is 1.36% and 1.27% respectively. For China, latest figure is available for the year 1999 only, which is 0.46%. The outlay of Department of Higher Education for the XII Five year Plan is Rs.110700 crore as compared to the actual expenditure of the XI Plan, which was Rs.39646.82 crore for the Department of Higher Education. This is an increase of about three times. This increase in central plan outlay for higher education represents a determined effort on the part of the Central Government for raising public spending on higher education.
