

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

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

- (a) whether the amount spent on school education including in rural areas of the country has increased a gradually over the past few years and if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of increase during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the various schemes/projects of the Government relating to education like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan etc. have made significant contribution in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the amount spent on education per household is more as compared to that being spent on food and if so, the facts thereof; and
- (d) the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to further augment the quality of education including in rural and remote areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The expenditure on school education has been increasing during the last three years. The table below provides figures of Central Plan Expenditure on school education and the percentage increase.

Year Expenditure (In Rs. Crore) % increase in expenditure over the previous year

2011-12	38122.50	
2012-13	42326.58	11.02%
2013-14	43848.56	3.60%
2014-15 (BE)	51828.00	18.19% (prov.)

(b) The enrolment at elementary and secondary levels has increased substantially on account of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan. The GER at elementary level was 97% and the GER at Secondary level 76.64% in 2013-14. The average annual dropout rate has also declined at elementary and secondary levels due to these schemes.

(c) As per the Key Indicators of Household Consumer Expenditure in India in 2011-12, the average monthly per capita expenditure based on Mixed Modified Recall Period (MMRP), was Rs.756 in rural areas and Rs.1121 in urban area. Expenditure on education was Rs. 50 in rural areas and Rs.182 in urban areas on a per capita basis.

(d) The Government has taken a number of steps to improve quality of education in rural and remote areas. These relate to appointment of additional teachers, pre-service and in service training of teachers, teacher performance indicators, and student assessment.