

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:375

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RECOMMENDATION OF B. MUNGEKAR COMMITTEE

Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the committee headed by Bhalchandra Munekar regarding fee cuts has submitted its report to the Government;
- (b) if so, the main recommendations of the committee; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to implement the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. The CAGE Committee on Financing of Higher and Technical Education under the chairmanship of Dr. Bhalchandra Munekar, Member Planning Commission has submitted its report and the same was discussed in the meeting of the CAGE held on 14-15, July, 2005 at New Delhi. The main recommendations are with regard to sustained state funding of Higher and Technical Education, launching of a programme for restoring basic minimum facilities in all Colleges and Universities, enhancement of the allocation for research, strengthening of the scholarships scheme, evolution of a system of proper mix of block grant, matching grant and development grant, setting up of a body for financing higher education for coordinating the student loan scheme of several banks as also to provide soft loan and scholarship by itself, restrictions in starting of self- financing courses, stronger and effective linkages with industry, regulating entry of foreign universities and building up a strong data base on higher education. The report is under consideration.