

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

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GDP ON EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the Government have set its target to spend 6% of GDP of the country on education;
- (b) if so, whether this expenditure at present is between 3- 3.5%;
- (c) if not, the facts thereof;
- (d) whether any time frame has been fixed by the Government to implement the decision of spending 6% of GDP on education; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : The National Policy on Education, 1986 as revised in 1992 envisaged that the outlay on education would be stepped up during the Eighth Five Year Plan and onward, to exceed 6% of the National Income. However, it could not so far be achieved due to constraints on resources and other competing priorities. The Common Minimum Programme of the Government pledges to increase the public spending in education to at least 6% of GDP in a phased manner with at least half of this amount being spent on primary and secondary sectors. As per provisional estimates, the expenditure incurred on education by Government (Centre and State) in 2004- 05 represents 3.49% of the GDP.