

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

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

- (a) whether any assessment of expenditure on education for the first six months of the year 2005 has been conducted by the Government;
- (b) if so, whether expenditure on education has increased in comparison to previous year;
- (c) if so, whether there has been also comparative increase in the literacy level;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether all the States have utilised the amount provided to them for education; and
- (f) if not, the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f) : No such assessment in which the expenditure in first half year of 2005 is compared with the expenditure in corresponding half year of the previous year has been made. However, while finalizing the annual plan every aspect including the expenditure in the previous years is kept in mind. The budget for Education (Department of Elementary Education & Literacy and Department of Secondary & Higher Education) for the current year (2005-06) has been increased to Rs.12571.76 crore as compared to Rs.8225 crore allocated during the last year (2004-05).

The literacy rates are compiled and released decennially by the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India and not on year-to-year basis. As per Census 2001, the literacy rate of the country has increased by 12.63% during the last decade i.e. from 52.21% in 1991 to 64.84% in 2001. The male literacy rate has increased by 11.13% (from 64.13% to 75.26%) and female literacy rate by 14.38% (from 39.29% to 53.67%) during the same period.