

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether education is being commercialised as allocation of funds to the educational sector is poor;
- (b) if so, the details of additional funds proposed to be allocated for technical education alongwith the funds provided during 2005-06; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve quality of technical education in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. Education sector is accorded high priority. There was about 75% increase in outlay for Tenth Plan over Ninth Plan period and funds amounting to Rs. 806 crore were earmarked for Technical Education in BE 2005-06. There is no proposal at present for providing additional funds for Technical Education during 2005-06.

(c): The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched in December, 2002 the "Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme of Government of India (TEQIP)" on a massive scale in the country which aims to upscale and support ongoing efforts of Government of India in improving quality of technical education and enhancing existing capacities of the institutions to become dynamic, demand-driven, quality conscious, efficient and forward looking, responsive to rapid economic and technological developments occurring both at national and international levels.