

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

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EDUCATION CESS

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

- (a) the total fund collected so far on account of education cess;
- (b) the amount spent on funding primary education schemes, scheme-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Planning Commission has suggested to spend a part of the fund on secondary education also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;
- (e) the reasons for not utilizing the amount for eradicating illiteracy;
- (f) whether the funds collected by levy of education are adequate to meet the funding of Primary Education Schemes;
- (g) if so, the details thereof;
- (h) whether the Centre's contribution to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is going to decrease by 25% and same is likely to be increased by 25% by 2007-08;
- (i) if so, whether more stress is likely to be on State resources for SSA;
- (j) whether the funds collected are not being spent properly; and
- (k) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) Receipts on account of Education Cess as reflected in the Receipts Budget 2005-06 and Expenditure Budget 2006-07 of the Ministry of Finance are as under:-

Budget Estimate Revised Estimate
(Rs. in crores)

2004-05 Rs. 4,910.00 Rs.5,010.00

2005-06 Rs. 6,975.00

2006-07 Rs. 8,746.00

(b) A statement showing the amount spent on funding elementary education during 2005-06, scheme-wise and state-wise is annexed.

(c) & (d) After taking into consideration the views of all concerned, including that of Planning Commission, Government has decided to utilize the proceeds of Education Cess exclusively for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid Day Meal (MDM) Schemes.

(e) Funds for schemes for eradication of illiteracy are being provided from the general budgetary resources.

(f) & (g) As against the proceeds of Education Cess indicated in part(a) above, funds provided for Elementary Education are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)
Budget Estimate Revised Estimate

2004-05 Rs. 5,750.00 Rs. 7,750.00

2005-06 Rs. 11,217.26 Rs. 11,217.26

2006-07 Rs. 16,892.50
(proposed)

(h) & (i) SSA Framework for Implementation envisages funding between Center and State in 75:25 ratio during 10th Plan period (2002-2007) and 50:50 thereafter.

(j) No, sir.

(k) Does not arise.