

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

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to envisage more investment in education and has urged the corporate sector to help; and

(b) if so, the response of the private sector on this national mission for education?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): - The National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) envisages that `non-government and voluntary effort including social activist groups will be encouraged, subject to proper management, and financial assistance provided. At the same time, steps will be taken to prevent the establishment of institutions set up to commercialize education.` The National Common Minimum Programme of the Government pledges to raise public spending in education to least 6% of GDP with at least half this amount being spent on primary and secondary sectors in a phased manner.

`Bharat Shiksha Kosh` has been constituted as a Registered Society, to receive donations/contributions/endowments from individuals and corporate, Central and State Governments, non-resident Indians, and people of Indian origin abroad for various activities across all sectors of education.

While the share of private investment in the education sector is progressively more starting from primary to higher and technical education, the response towards the initiatives like Bharat Shiksha Kosh has not been encouraging.