

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:39
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2007
EXPANSION AND RESTRUCTURING OF EDUCATION
Singh Shri Dushyant

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to initiate steps for massive expansion and restructuring of education in the country;
- (b) if so, the changes proposed;
- (c) whether the foreign participation in education is likely to be encouraged in the proposed expansion programme; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 39 ASKED BY SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH REGARDING 'EXPANSION AND RESTRUCTURING OF EDUCATION' TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.02.2007.

(a) & (b) : Expansion and Restructuring of education is an ongoing process, as also recognised by the National Policy on Education 1986, as modified in 1992. Government is committed to raising the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in all sectors of education during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. The process of expansion, which must also address issues of Access, Equity and Quality, is subject to the availability of resources.

(c) & (d): Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in education, including higher education, is already being allowed under the automatic route, without any sectoral cap, since February, 2000, vide Order No.7(4)/2000-IP dated 11 February, 2000, issued by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion of Government of India. However, entry and operation of Foreign Educational Institutions would be subject to the policy and law in this regard.