

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

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SEMINAR ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR GROWTH AND EQUITY

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

- (a) whether a two day international seminar on 'Higher education for growth and equity' was held at New Delhi in January, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held in the seminar and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Chairman, University Grants Commission has urged the Government to increase public expenditure in higher education; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A two day international seminar on "Higher Education for growth & equity – India China Experience" was held in New Delhi on 20-21 January, 2007. The Seminar brought out the challenges faced by both the countries in expanding the enrolment in higher education from the present 10 per cent in India and 15 per cent in China and providing greater opportunities to the marginalized sections of society and taking steps to assure high quality of education in meeting the global standards.

(c): Yes, Sir. The Chairman, UGC has urged that if 5% growth in Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is to be achieved, the public expenditure on higher education has to increase substantially.

(d) : The Government is committed to gradually increase public funding in Higher Education.