

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:223  
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2006  
DECLINING EXPENDITURE ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
Annayagari Shri Sai Prathap

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

- (a) whether per student expenditure on the higher education has declined, as per the report of the Central Advisory Board of Education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to lay adequate focus on higher education?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.223 FOR 8.8.2006 ASKED BY SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP, M.P. REGARDING DECLINING EXPENDITURE ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

(a) to (c): According to the Report of a Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) on "Financing of Higher and Technical Education", public expenditure per student on higher education at constant prices during the period 1990-91 to 2002-03, generally showed a downward trend.

Reason for the general downward trend has been inadequate budgetary allocation keeping in view the number of the students and inflationary trends.

Central Plan allocation for Higher Education has been substantially raised from Rs.873.27 crore in 2005-06 to Rs.1403.50 crore in 2006-07.