

**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 details of the amount collected as educational cess during each of the last three years all over the country, State and Union Territory-wise;
- (b) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments out of the amount so collected;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, during each of the last three years; State and Union Territory-wise; and
- (d) the details of works for which the said amount is spent by the Union and State Governments?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Shri M.A.A, Fatmi)

(a): As per information furnished by the Ministry of Finance, the amount collected through the Education Cess for the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (up to February, 2007) is as under:-

(Rs.in crore)

Financial year	Direct Taxes	Indirect Taxes
2004-05	1804.51	2514
2005-06	3213.75	4424
2006-07 (upto Feb`2007)	2982.00	3851

provisional.

(b) to (d): The proceeds of Education Cess are utilized exclusively for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM) of the Government after exhausting the funds provided to these schemes by way of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS). Allocations to States are not being made separately against the Education Cess. Financial assistance to them is released under individual schemes of SSA & MDM related to Elementary Education in accordance with the guidelines of such schemes and against their respective budgetary allocations.