

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3424
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EDUCATION CESS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been persistent demands from various quarters to withdraw the education cess;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): Government has received a number of representations for the withdrawal of education cess from various industry associations and Chambers like Andhra Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Kamataka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Bangalore), ASSOCHAM (UP), Income Tax Payers Association (New Delhi), Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, All India Association of Industries (Mumbai), etc.

(c): Such representations are examined as part of the budgetary exercise and the decision of the Government gets reflected in the Finance Bill.