

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 890

TO BE ANSWERED ON. 21.11.2016

EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION

890. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

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

(a) the details of expenditure on education by the Government during the last five years split over primary, secondary, and tertiary sectors;

(b) the said expenditure as a percentage of GDP over the said period;

(c) whether the Government plans to spend 6% of the GDP on education as recommended by Kothari commission report; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

(a) & (b): The Government Expenditure on Education on Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Sectors and as a percentage of GDP is as under:

S. No	Sector	Sector-wise Government Expenditure on Education (Rs. In crore) and its percentage of GDP									
		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13 (RE)		2013-14 (BE)	
		Exp.	%	Exp.	%	Exp.	%	Exp.	%	Exp.	%
1.	Elementary Education	98867.21	1.62	123550.81	1.7	149164.77	1.78	184650.63	1.97	207428.63	1.98
2.	Secondary Education	60359.94	0.99	71358.36	.98	85572.91	1.02	102907.40	1.1	115669.26	1.1
3.	Adult Education	765.84	0.01	832.38	.01	930.71	.01	1084.26	.01	1324.07	.01
4	University & Higher Education	46633.25	0.76	62654.18	.86	53900.98	.64	60043.91	.64	71139.02	0.68
5.	Technical Education	34629.78	0.57	35082.52	.48	44361.01	.53	59735.50	.64	69581.83	.66

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(c) & (d): Kothari Commission (1964-66) had recommended that 6 per cent of GDP should be spent on education. The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, had laid down that investment on education be gradually increased to reach a level of 6% of National Income as early as possible.

Allocation of funds for education is made by the Government keeping in view inter-se priority of other sector of the economy. During XII Five Year Plan, the Plan Outlay of Ministry of Human Resource Development is Rs.4,53,728 crore (Rs.3,43,028 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs.1,10,700 crore for the Department of Higher Education) as compared to actual expenditure in XI Five year Plan which was Rs.1,77,549.76 crore (Rs.1,37,902.94 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs.39,646.82 crore for the Department of Higher Education). This is an increase of about 2.56 times. This increase in Central Plan Outlay for Education Sector presents a determined effort on the part of Central Government for raising public spending on Education.
