

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2783
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017**

Spending on Education in GDP Terms

2783. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- (a) whether as per recent international reports India spends a meagre percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on education, of which about one-third is spent on higher education and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the requirement of funds in the higher educational institutions has always been higher than the funds that are made available through budget ;
- (c) if so, the gap and the amount of funds for the public spending; and
- (d) whether there are any estimates of private sector spending in higher education and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): As per UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS), percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spent on education in India by the government is 3.84% in 2013. On tertiary education it is 1.09%.
- (b) & (c): Allocation of funds to the institutions of higher education is made after due diligence considering their requirement of funds and utilisation.
- (d): Estimates of private sector spending in higher education is not maintained.
