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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2793
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017

Funds for Education

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

(a) whether it is a fact that large share of funds targeted by the Government for education is spent towards the payment of salaries while only a small percentage is spent towards the capital expenditure which is leading to the declining quality of education;

(b) if so, the total funds spent to develop infrastructure in education in the rural areas of the country including Rajasthan during the last three years, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to constitute separate funds to develop infrastructure for education in the rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Approximately 48% of the revised estimate (Plan - 2016-17) for higher education has been earmarked for capital expenditure which is spent for infrastructure purpose.

(b): Information regarding funds spent to develop infrastructure in education in the rural areas of the country including Rajasthan during the last three years, State/ UT-wise is not maintained in the Ministry.

(c) to (d): The Government has approved the proposal for setting up the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA), for financing creation of required infrastructure and for promotion of research facilities in the centrally aided institutions of higher learning by leveraging funds from the market. The Government would provide an equity of Rs. 1,000 Crore. The loans would be serviced from the internal accruals of these institutions, and the Government would meet the cost of interest on such loans.

Adequate provision of funds is made for creating infrastructural facilities for school education under schemes viz., Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rashtriya Madhyamic Shiksha Abhiyan.

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