

Funding of education from Education Cess

1028. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount generated under Education Cess in the financial years of 2009-10 and 2010-11; and

(b) what proportion of total Central expenditure on education is currently being funded by the Education Cess?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Education Cess generated during 2009-10 and 2010-11 (upto December, 2010) is Rs. 10139.64 crore and Rs. 7350.88 crore, respectively.

(b) The proportion of total central expenditure on education being funded by education cess during 2009-10 was 34.75%.

Agricultural productivity in India

1029. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that productivity of food grains is much lower in India as compared to countries like USA, Japan and China;

(b) if so, the details of the productivity of different items in various countries *vis-a-vis* India;

(c) the main reasons for low productivity in India, if any; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for increasing the agricultural productivity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) and (b) The productivity of food grains in India is comparatively lower than that of USA, Japan and China. Productivity of different crops in various countries is given below:

(Figures in Kg/Ha)

Name of Crops	Country	Year (2008)
1	2	3
Paddy	China	6556
	India	3370
Wheat	USA	3018