

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
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GROSS ENROLLMENT RATIO IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Gross Enrollment Ratio in Higher Education within the country including the details of rural areas of Maharashtra in this regard, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has set any target in this regard, if so, the current status along with details thereof;
- (c) whether the greater inclusion of minorities in Higher Education is also one of the major objectives of the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far by the Government to increase the percentage of minorities in Higher Education in Maharashtra;
- (e) the target set for the said purpose and the details of achievements made so far;
- (f) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for establishing Minority Women Colleges in various States including Maharashtra to move forward towards achieving its objectives; and
- (g) the time by when the said colleges are likely to be set up?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b) As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of Higher Education at the national level, for 2021-22 (Provisional) is 28.4 (based on 2011 Census). The details of the State/UT-wise GER, including Maharashtra, is available at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques . National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, aims at increasing the higher education GER to 50% by 2035.

(c) to (g) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 also aims to promote education of children belonging to all minority communities, and particularly those communities that are educationally underrepresented.

The various initiatives of the Government in encouraging students from the Minority community has resulted in higher growth in enrolment of Minority communities over the

years. As per the AISHE, enrolment of students of Minority communities in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) has increased to 30,13,192 in 2021-22(Provisional) from 21,83,184 in 2014-15 (an increase of 38.02%), which is higher than the growth (of 26.5%) in overall Student enrolment in Higher Education since 2014-15.

The various initiatives of the Government in this regard inter-alia include :-

I Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the Post Metric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for educational empowerment of students belonging to 6 notified Minority communities, namely, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian (Parsi). These are implemented with the objective to uplift the socio-economic conditions of the minority communities, increase their rate of attainment in higher education and enhance their employability and to enable the poor and meritorious students pursue professional and technical courses.

II The Department of Higher Education is implementing the “Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan [PM-USP] Yojana”, with three component schemes namely: -

- Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students;
- Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh aimed specifically at youth of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to take advantage of the educational institutions outside these UTs and interact with their counterparts from rest of country];
- Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme.

All categories of students in the country are eligible to get financial assistance as per the schematic norms. [The details of these schemes are available in the Ministry’s website: <https://www.education.gov.in/en/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan>].

III The University Grants Commission is implementing the following Schemes for weaker sections, including minorities:

- i. Remedial Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer), and Minority Community Students
- ii. Coaching Classes for Entry into Services for SC/ST/OBC (Non Creamy Layer) and Minority Community Students
- iii. Coaching For National Eligibility Test or State Eligibility Test for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creams Layer), and Minority Community Students.
- iv. Certain relaxations in eligibility conditions in UGC-Junior Research Fellowship for SC/ST students are provided.
