

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has so far failed in the enormous task of educating its youth in socially equitable and globally competitive ways;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the response of the Government thereon;
- (c) whether only 8-9 per cent of its relevant age group enrolled for higher education as against 50-85 per cent in developed countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e): The issues of access, equity and quality have been receiving utmost attention of the Government, through its various programmes. In order to enhance the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education by 5 per cent from present about 11 per cent by the end of the XI Plan, a substantial increase in Plan allocation has been made in the XI Plan for the expansion of higher education, for setting up of institutions such as Central Universities in uncovered States, establishment of World Class Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research and Indian Institutes of Information Technology. Expansion of capacity of the existing institutions, incentivising State Governments for increasing State outlays on higher education, setting up of new colleges in low GER districts through partnership with State Governments has also been included in the XIth Plan for achieving higher GER.