

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

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ENROLLMENT IN UNDER GRADUATE COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the average annual number of candidates getting enrolled against under graduate courses at present;
- (b) the percentage of such students to the total population of the country;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target to increase this number; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the target is likely to be achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) & (b): An average of about 78.50 lakhs students were enrolled annually through formal system of education for undergraduate courses in universities/colleges during the last four years, apart from enrollment in distance education. This is about 6-7 % of the population in the relevant age group of 17-23 years.

(c) & (d): The aim of the Government is to increase the enrollment against undergraduate courses to 10% by the end of Xth Plan period (2002-2007). This includes both formal and distance education.