

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the percentage of students pursuing higher education in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any plan to improve the said percentage in the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) measures the number of students enrolled for higher studies as a percentage of population in the age cohort group of 18-24 year. The GER for higher education in the country is 12.4%.

(b) & (c): During the Eleventh Five Year Plan establishment of Central Universities in hitherto uncovered States has been envisaged. The strategy for increasing enrolment includes establishment of new institutions of higher learning in the Central sector such as Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, National Institutes of Technology and Schools of Planning and Architecture, incentivizing States for establishment of new institutions by establishment of model degree colleges in districts where the GER is below the national level and expansion of existing institutions by policy interventions and schemes aimed at increasing access and opportunities for pursuit of higher education.