

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

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GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO IN HIGHER EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at present, in higher education of the country in comparison to the World GER at present; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to increase GER during each of the last three years and the results achieved therefrom?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Indian higher education is estimated to be about 12.4%, as compared to estimated world average of 26%. In order to achieve the targeted GER of an additional five percent by the end of XI Plan, a substantial increase in Plan allocation has been made for the expansion of higher education, by way of setting up of institutions such as Central Universities in uncovered States, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, and Schools of Planning and Architecture. Expansion of capacity of the existing institutions, incentivizing State Governments for increasing State outlays on higher education and setting up of new colleges in 374 educationally backward districts with GER below the national level through partnership with State Governments are also some of the steps for achieving higher GER. Expansion of Central Educational Institutions covered under the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 has also been undertaken which aims to increase intake capacity of these institutions by 54%.