

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:260

ANSWERED ON:11.08.2010

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

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

- (a) the percentage of students population who have access to the higher education in each State/U.T. at present;
- (b) whether the Government has analyzed the reasons for very few students in the States like Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh opting for higher education;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Planning Commission has also given its suggestions in regard to the improvement in the enrolment of students of such States in higher education;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (f) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 260 FOR 11.8.2010 ASKED BY SHRI ANJAN KUMAR M. YADAV AND SHRI GORAKH PRASAD JAISWAL, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

(a): A statement indicating the state-wise Gross Enrolment Ratio for all areas in higher education according to census 2001 data is at Annexure.

(b) & (c): While no specific study has been conducted by the Government in this regard, availability of sufficient institutions of higher education and socio-economic factors, inter-alia, contribute to Gross Enrolment Ratio.

(d) to (f): A substantial increase in Plan allocation has been made in XI Plan for the expansion of higher education by setting up new institutions such as Central Universities in uncovered States, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Indian Institute of Information Technology and Schools for Planning and Architecture and establishing model degree colleges in 374 identified higher educational backward districts having GER less than national GER are some of the efforts being made. In order to encourage State Governments also to increase outlays in higher education, schemes in XI Plan include assistance to States by way of Central share in capital expenditure on establishing new institutions and strengthening existing institutions.