

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

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

- (a) whether SC/ST/OBC students have been benefited by the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the number of students benefited from the NMEICT; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the gross enrolment ratio in the higher education during the current Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : The scheme of National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) is for the benefit of all students including SC/ST/OBC students. Under this Scheme, a number of projects have been sanctioned and grant-in-aid released to various institutions across the country for innovative use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for providing quality education modules free of charge to students in any time anywhere mode. Apart from creation of physical infrastructure of new institutions of higher learning, schemes such as NMEICT also aim at enhancing the Gross Enrolment Ratio in Higher Education institutions in a cost effective manner during the current Five Year Plan.