

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

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LOW ENROLMENT OF WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is a lower enrolment of women in higher education in the country even as the census has reported a higher literacy rate gain for women over the last decade;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) The steps taken/to be taken for greater access to women in higher education specially in professional education?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There has been a phenomenal growth in enrolment of women students in Higher Education in the country. The share of girls' enrolment which was 11.3% of the total enrolment in 1950-51 has increased to 38.6% (provisional) in 2008-09. Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of girls has increased by 4.6 percentage point during 2001-02 to 2008-09.

(c): University Grants Commission (UGC) has taken number of steps for greater access to women in higher education like Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child for pursuing Higher and Technical Education, Construction of Women's Hostels, Development of Women's studies in Universities and Colleges, Scheme of capacity building of Women's Manager in Higher education, Post Doctoral fellowships etc. All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) has a scheme to encourage tuition fee waiver for girl students by incentivizing the technical institutions and relaxation in norms for establishment of new technical institutions exclusively for women.