

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GER IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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

- (a) the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students enrolled in higher education as a percentage of the population in the age group of 18-24 years;
- (b) whether the infrastructure to cater the higher education percentage of population are sufficiently available in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide required infrastructure for higher education?

Answer

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

(a) Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students enrolled in higher education as a percentage of the population in the age group of 18-23 years in 2008-09 is 13.8.

(b) to (d) There are 409 University/University Level Institutions, 25990 Colleges and 1742 Polytechnics in the country in 2008-09. During 11th Five year plan, several new Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Technology, National Institutes of Technology, Polytechnics and other Institutions of Higher learning have been established. A new scheme has been approved by the Government under which central assistance on sharing basis shall be provided to the State Governments/ State Universities for setting up of a model degree college in each of the 374 identified educationally backward districts, where Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER.