

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

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

- (a) whether the Gross Enrolment Ratio(GER) is far below when compared to the average of Asian countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the targets set for Eleventh Plan and the achievements made so far;
- (d) the expenditure incurred under various schemes during the Tenth Plan and so far in the Eleventh Plan for improving the ratio;
- (e) the reasons for low GER despite sufficient budgetary allocations; and
- (f) the steps taken to improve the situation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Gross Enrolment Ratios(GER) at the Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary, Senior Secondary levels and Higher Education for the year 2008-09(Provisional) in the country and the regional averages for Central Asia, East Asia and the Pacific and South and West Asia are given below:

Level	India	Average (2009)		
2008-09				
(Provisio				
nal)				
Central	East Asia	South		
Asia and the	and			
Pacific	West			
Asia				

Primary 114.37 98 111 110

Upper Primary 76.23 97 90 71

Secondary and 47.01 94 66 44
Senior
Secondary

Higher 13.8 25 28 13
Education

(c) to (f): The expenditure incurred under various schemes during the 10th Plan and in the 11th Plan, upto the year 2010- 11 is given below :-
(in crores)

Name of the Scheme	10th	11th Plan
Plan	Exp. (2007-08	
Expenditure	to 2010-11)	

Department of School Education & Literacy (Other than externally aided projects)

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan	25957.38	56575.79
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Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalaya	431.80	
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National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education	12476.95	28407.40
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Secondary education (Access and Equity, Quality Improvement, Information & Communication Technology, Integrated Education for Disabled Children, Vocational Education, National Institute of Open Schooling, Navodaya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, etc.)	3808.50	11867.95
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Department of Higher Education

University & Higher Education	4180.09	13141.73
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Scholarships (including distance Learning & ICT)	16.66	1621.94
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Technical Education	3369.09	11536.28
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Government has been making consistent efforts to meet the goals of Universal Elementary Education through implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Programme. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009, which became operational with effect from 1st April, 2010, provides that every child in the 6 to 14 age-group shall have a right to free and compulsory education till completion of elementary education. The SSA Framework of Implementation has been revised to correspond with the provisions of the RTE Act 2009 and the SSA programme is being implemented in accordance with the norms and standards of the RTE Act. Mid Day Meal Scheme is being implemented with a view to enhance enrolment and retention of children in school. Further, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan has been launched for universal access to secondary education. These efforts will enable states to universalize elementary and secondary education and improve the Gross Enrolment Ratio.

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 to increase the GER in Higher

Education. 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 Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER.