

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

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COST OF HIGHER TECHNICAL 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/UT at present;
- (b) whether several students particularly those belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe categories are being deprived of pursuing higher/technical education due to its high cost;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government to provide qualitative higher/technical education at affordable rate to students of lower income groups/SC/ST category; and
- (e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to provide education through information technology?

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 2009-10(Provisional) for All Categories, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe is 15.0, 11.1 and 10.3 respectively. State wise details of GER are given at the Annexure.

(b)to(e) In order to encourage students of SC/ST/lower income groups for pursuing higher education, Government has introduced scholarship programmes for them to supplement the cost of education. In addition, Government has introduced a scheme for Interest Subsidy on Education Loans to enable economically weaker section students for pursuing higher professional education.

The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been envisaged as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the objective of making best use of ICT with the purpose of identification and nurturing of talent and life-long learning as well as extending the education facility to a larger section of people.