

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that only 13 per cent population has access to higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to provide easy access to higher education especially to the SC/ST/OBC students?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education has increased from 13.1 % in 2007-08 to 15 % in 2009-10, as per statistics compiled by the Statistics Division of this Ministry. State wise details of GER for the year 2009-10 are annexed.

(c): The Central Government has launched a scheme to incentivise States to establish a Model Degree College in each of the 374 identified Educationally Backward Districts in the country with priority to districts with a concentration of socially and educationally backward classes. In the XI Plan, 16 Central Universities, 8 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), 7 Indian Institute of Management (IIMs), 10 National Institute of Technology (NITs) were established to increase access to higher education. The Central Educational Institutions (Reservations in Admission) Act, 2006, which was enacted consequent to 93rd Amendment to Constitutions in 2005, provides for reservations for SCs, STs and OBCs (non-creamy layer) in all Central Educational Institutions to the extent of 15%, 7.5% and 27% respectively.