

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

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PG COURSES BY WOMEN .  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a substantial decrease of women undertaking Post Graduate courses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that only less than 1 per cent of the women opts for research studies; and
- (d) if so, the measures being formulated to attract more women for Post Graduate and Research studies?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. According to the University Grants Commission (UGC), during 2010-11, 882334 women had enrolled in Post Graduate courses (provisional) as compared to 632906 women during 2007-08.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. To encourage women participation at the Post Graduate level and research studies, UGC provides special scholarship for women under the scheme of Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child, fellowship schemes through which women are provided opportunities to pursue research in higher education, 50% reservation to female candidates to pursue research in higher education under the Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship for SC/ST candidates and 30% reservation to female candidates to pursue research in higher education under the scheme of Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority students.