

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

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STATUS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is conducting a national survey to assess the current status of higher education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the Gross Enrolment Rate in the area of higher education; and
- (d) the name of the agency conducting this survey about higher education?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Ministry collects data annually in respect of higher education sector in the country from all States and Union Territories and publishes it in annual publication "Statistics of Higher and Technical Education". States /UTs collect data from the institutions of higher learning located in the State/UT. However, with the growing size and diversity of the higher education sector particularly in terms of courses, management and geographical coverage, it has become necessary to develop a sound database on higher education. For this purpose, Ministry has initiated an All India Survey on Higher Education. National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) has been given the responsibility to provide administrative, financial and organisational support to the survey.

As per the annual publication "Statistics of Higher and Technical Education" of Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students enrolled in higher education in the country as a percentage of the population in the age group of 18-23 years is 15.0 in 2009-10 (Provisional).