

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RATIO OF SCS/STS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has chalked out several plans to increase Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students in higher education during the 12th Five Year Plan and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the number of students enrolled in distance education would go up from 4.6 million to 6.3 million by 2017 as a result thereof and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether according to a survey, the enrolment ratio of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is only 10.2 and 4.4 per cent respectively when the national average is 20 per cent and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is true that the situation in private unaided institutions is more pathetic; and
- (e) if so, the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(Dr. Shashi Tharoor)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) is providing General Development grants to these Higher Educational Institutions, that are declared fit by it to receive such grants under Section 12B of UGC Act, 1956, for the construction of new buildings (academic building, library, administrative block, staff quarters, women's hostels etc), for undertaking campus development, for acquiring equipment, for meeting Information Communication and Technological (ICT) requirements, for providing student amenities and for other enabling conditions to improve access to higher educational institutions. The details of UGC schemes, under General Development grants, are available in its Annual Reports and also available at www.ugc.ac.in.

(b) : The enrolment in the Open and Distance Learning Institutions at the end of the XIth Five Year Plan was estimated at 4.2 million. As per the draft XIIth Five Year Plan document, the target for 2016-17 is 5.2 million.

(c) : Yes, Sir. As per the All India Survey on Higher Education, conducted by this Ministry, the enrolment ratio of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is 10.2% and 4.4% respectively against the national average of 18.8%.

(d) : The UGC has reported that no separate study has been carried out regarding the percentage of SC/ST students in private unaided institutions.

(e) : To enhance the percentage of SC/ST students in higher educational institutions, the Commission is implementing various measures such as providing coaching for SC/ST candidates, the establishment of Equal Opportunity Cells, the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST candidates, and relaxation in eligibility norms at the time of admission, etc.