

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

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

- (a) the number of students who have been enrolled in the higher education in the country;
- (b) the percentage of students enrolled in the higher education in comparison to the other countries;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target for increasing enrolment in higher education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a): As per the annual publication "Statistics of Higher and Technical Education" of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the number of students enrolled in higher education in the country during 2009-10(Provisional) is 2,07,40,740. As per the provisional report on the All India Survey on Higher Education, the number of students enrolled in the country is estimated to be 2,66,50,953 in 2010-11, based on data collected up to 31st July, 2012.

(b): As per the annual publication "Statistics of Higher and Technical Education" of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of the students enrolled in higher education in the country as a percentage of the population in the age group of 18-23 years during 2009-10(Provisional) is 15. As per the Global Education Digest (2012) published by UNESCO Institute for Statistics, the GERs of China and Sri Lanka are 26 and 15 respectively against the World Average of 29 for the year 2009-10. The GER is estimated to be 18.8 in 2010-11, as per the provisional report on the All India Survey on Higher Education based on data collected up to 31st July, 2012.

(c) & (d): The Approach paper to the Twelfth Five Year Plan has recommended that an additional enrolment of 10 million could be targeted in higher education during the Twelfth Plan period.