

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

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REGIONAL IMBALANCE IN ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the UGC has only 12 per cent of the graduates who are seeking admission to the PG courses in various universities and institutions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there are glaring regional imbalances in the enrolment of students in higher education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons for such imbalances and steps taken/to be taken by the Government to remove such imbalances in future?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), in the year 2011-12, the out-turn (i.e students successfully completing the degree) figure for graduate courses was approximately 52,36,659 while the intake figure for post graduate course was 12,46,236. This is more than 20% of the students completing graduate courses through the regular stream.
- (c) & (d): Imbalances do exist in the field of higher education owing to a number of factors including socio-economic and regional disparities. One of the major initiatives to reduce the regional disparities is the Scheme for the establishment of Model Degree Colleges. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided by the Government for setting up Model Colleges in 374 Educationally Backward Districts of the country, where the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is below the national GER. The UGC has also formulated a scheme for providing financial assistance to colleges located in Rural/Tribal/Hilly/Border Areas, the Colleges located in Educationally Backward Areas and for colleges with the concentration of SC/ST/Minorities. In order to encourage the enrolment of women, the UGC implements a special scheme for the construction of women's hostels and offers scholarships such as the PG Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child. For safeguarding the interests of the socially disadvantaged groups, the UGC has asked the universities to set up Equal Opportunity Cells. The UGC has been providing financial assistance to universities and colleges for remedial coaching schemes for SC/ST/OBC/Minorities to increase enrolment amongst these groups.