

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

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INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES AND HUMAN RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION

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

- (a) the funds required for setting up of infrastructural facilities and human resources for education in order to achieve the target of higher education;
- (b) the details of sources of the funds required to be mobilised for the purpose along with the manner in which it is likely to be mobilised;
- (c) the estimated number of students opting for higher technical education along with the number of industrial establishments who have given their consent for cooperating in this field;
- (d) whether drop out rate of students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in technical institutes is increasing;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Central Government has set itself a target of achieving a Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of 30% in Higher Education by 2020. However, to achieve this goal, the process of creating additional capacity in existing institutions and establishing new institutions is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government on its part, has set up 40 Central Universities, 15 Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), 16 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), 30 National Institutes of Technology (NITs), 05 Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) and is funding their plan and non-plan expenditures.

The 12th Five Year plan has been finalized. A sum of Rs. 1,10,000 crores is provided for the Department of Higher Education in the Plan. A sum of Rs. 25,000 crores is set apart exclusively for strategic support to state higher education system.

(c): As per the information supplied by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the enrolment in technical institutions in 2013-14 is 1.2 million approximately. As per a survey conducted by the AICTE and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in 2012, in which 156 institutions participated, 30% of the institutions were found to have good industry interaction, 60% moderately so and 10% had inadequate industry interaction. As per the AICTE, CII has a list of about 4000 industries with whom the technical institutions in the country can collaborate.

(d): No, Madam. No such increase in the dropout rates of SCs and STs has been noticed.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.