

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

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

- (a) whether the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education in the country is still below the world average;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set the target of 30 per cent GER by 2020; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to achieve the set target?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the provisional report of the All India Survey on Higher Education, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher education (calculated for the age group of 18-23 years) is 20.4 during 2011-12. As per the Global Education Digest (2012) published by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, the worldwide GER is 29 (calculated for the age range of 5 years that begins at the end of class XII) for the year 2009-10.

(c): The Twelfth Five Year Plan aims to raise the country's GER to 25.2 by 2017-18 and to reach the target of 30 by 2020-21.

(d): During 11th Five year plan, several new Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Technology, National Institutes of Technology, Polytechnics and other Institutions of Higher learning have been established. During the Twelfth Five Year Plan, a new scheme called the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) has been approved which aims to achieve equity, access and excellence in higher education through assistance to State universities.