

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

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ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

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

- (a) the percentage of students which have access to education beyond higher secondary schooling in the country, rural and urban area-wise, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether a huge disparity exists as far as access to higher education in the country is concerned;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the share of various religious groups and geographical regions to higher education; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken or being taken by the Government to address the issue?

**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 (total enrolment in Higher education as percentage of the population of age group 18-23 years) is 20.4 during 2011-12. The State-wise and gender-wise details of the Gross Enrolment Ratio are given at Annex 1.

(c): The percentage of Muslims and Other Minority Communities in total enrolment in Higher education during 2011-12(Provisional) is given below:-

Category	% to total Enrolment in Higher education		
	Male	Female	Overall
Muslim	4.35	4.61	4.47
Other Minority Communities	1.76	2.51	2.09

(d): 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.