

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

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GER IN HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education in the country;
- (b) whether there has been a significant improvement in GER during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any specific time bound programme for enhancing GER in higher education; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher education (calculated for the age group of 18-23 years) is 20.4 during 2011-12 (Provisional), 19.4 during 2010-11 & 15.0 during 2009-10 (Provisional).

(d) & (e): 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. 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 launched which aims to achieve equity, access and excellence in higher education through assistance to State universities.