

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:519
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2015
ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of students having access to higher education in the country;
- (b) the number of States which have better access to higher education than the national average, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to improve students enrolment in the higher education?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 519 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.04.2015 REGARDING 'ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION'

(a) & (b): Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is a measure of students having access to education. For higher education, it is the ratio in a given year of the total enrolment to the total estimated population in the age group 18 -23 years.As per the All India Survey on Higher Education – 2012-13 (Provisional), 17 States/UTs having better GER as compared to national average of 21.1%. These are Chandigarh (51.3%), Puducherry (42.1%), Tamil Nadu (42.0%) Delhi (38.5%), Uttrakhand (33.1%), Manipur (30.3%), Andhra Pradesh (29.1%), Haryana (28.7%), Maharashtra (25.6%), Kamataka (25.5%), Jammu & Kashmir (24.1%), Himachal Pradesh (23.8%), Sikkim (23.6%), Goa (23.2 %), Kerala (22.9%), Punjab (22.7%) and Mizoram (21.3%).

(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. 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 Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) has been launched which aims to achieve equity, access and excellence in higher education through assistance to State universities.