

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HIGHER EDUCATION TO BACKWARD CLASS STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of students from backward classes getting higher education has increased as a result of special grant being provided by the University Grants Commission;
- (b) if so, the details of increase witnessed during the last three years in this regard; and
- (c) the schemes implemented for raising the level of education in colleges located in the areas dominated by the backward classes?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission(UGC) has informed that the number and percentage of OBC students admitted to Central Universities during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Total Number of Students Admitted	OBC Students	% of OBC Students
2011-2012	185268	36185	19.53
2012-2013	196050	43306	22.09
2013-2014	205822	50687	24.63

(c) : The UGC had provided grants for capacity expansion in Central Universities pursuant to the implementation of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006. Further, the UGC provides grants to universities for students belonging to SC/ST/ OBC and Minorities under its scheme of remedial coaching; coaching for National Eligibility Test; and coaching classes for entry in services.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has informed that for raising the level of education in colleges located in the areas dominated by Backward Classes, following schemes are being implemented, namely: Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC students; construction of hostels for OBC students; and National Fellowship for OBC students.