

**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) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether only a fraction of the young population in the age group of 18-23 years has been enrolled in higher educational institutions during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise, year-wise;
- (c) whether the National GER of SC/ST/OBC students is far below the average National GER and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is a gender disparity in the National GER in the higher education and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 505 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.08.2014 REGARDING 'GER IN HIGHER EDUCATION'

(a) : To prepare a sound database on the large and diverse system of higher education in the country, the Ministry has initiated a web-based All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) during 2010-11. The Survey has now become the annual exercise of data collection on Higher Education. All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2010-11 & 2011-12 has been completed.

(b) to (d) : The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher education during 2009-10 to 2011-12, in the country is given below:-

Year/Category	2009-10			2010-11			2011-12(Provisional)		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
All Category	17.1	12.7	15.0	20.8	17.9	19.4	21.6	18.9	20.4
Scheduled	13.0	9.0	11.1	14.6	12.3	13.5	15.4	13.5	14.5
Castes (SC)									
Scheduled	13.1	7.5	10.3	12.9	9.5	11.2	12.4	9.2	10.8
Tribes (ST)									

State-wise and year-wise details of Gross Enrolment Ratio are given at Annexure 1.

Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of Other Backward Classes (OBC) students is not calculated as OBC population is not released by Census. However, their share in total enrolment in higher education during 2010-11 was 27.6 % and during 2011-12 was 31.65%.

(e): Opening of Central Educational Institutions in un-served / underserved areas is an ongoing process. During XI Five Year Plan, 16 new Central Universities, 7 new Indian Institutes of Management, 8 new Indian Institutes of Technology, 10 new National Institutes of Technology, 5 Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research and other Institutions of Higher learning have been established to increase the GER in Higher Education. 12th Five Year Plan has emphasized the need to consolidate and expand the existing institutions. Opening of new educational institutions should be resorted to only in exceptional areas. In order to expand educational opportunities in 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs), the Central Government had, in 2009 launched the scheme of setting up of 374 Model Degree Colleges (MDCs) in districts having GER for higher education less than the national average.. The Central Government has recently launched the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) which intends to incentivize the states for developing higher education with equity and inclusion. The MDCs scheme has now been subsumed in RUSA. There is a special component of equity in RUSA. The University Grants Commission (UGC) also implements various schemes for educational empowerment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes such as Establishment of Equal Opportunity Cells (EOC) for

SC/ST/OBC/Minorities, Establishment of Residential Coaching Academies for Minorities/SC/ST and Women in Central Universities/Deemed to be Universities, Post-Doctoral Fellowships for SC/ST, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships for SC/ST, Post-Graduate Scholarships for SC/ST students in professional courses, Establishment of Centres for Studies in Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, Remedial Coaching schemes for SCs, STs, OBC (non-creamy layer) & Minorities, Scheme of career oriented courses in universities and colleges, Construction of Women 's Hostels for Colleges.

Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006, which came into force w.e.f. 4th January, 2007, provides for 15%, 7.5% and 27% reservation in admission of the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and the other Backward Classes (non-creamy layer) respectively, in Central Educational Institutions established, maintained or aided by the Central Government, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. UGC has also issued guidelines to Universities and Colleges for implementation of reservation policy of Government of India.

The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology

(MEICT) has been envisaged as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the objective of making the best use of ICT with the purpose of identification and nurturing of talent and life-long learning as well as extending the education facility to a larger section of people.

Remedial Coaching is also provided to students belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) & minority communities. Other schemes being implemented for increasing participation of girls in higher education are 'Construction of Women's hostels for colleges', 'Day Care centre in Universities and Colleges' etc. In IIMs at the time of interview, special effort is made to have more women students.

UGC is also implementing schemes for Gender and Social Equity such as Development of Women's Studies in Indian Universities and Colleges, Capacity building of Women Managers in Higher Education, Establishments of SC/ST Cells in Universities, Coaching Schemes for SCs/STs/OBCs (non-creamy layer)/Minorities.