

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ENROLMENT RATIO OF MINORITY STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the enrolment ratio of minority students in higher education has been stagnant over the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch any special programme to improve enrolment of minority students in higher education and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) : As per the actual responses received for the years 2010-2011 and 2011- 2012 in the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in its online portal www.aishe.gov.in, the enrolment of minority students in higher education has registered an increase from 10,36,991 to 13,22,332.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), a statutory body that covers programmes of technical education have furnished enrolment of minority students in AICTE approved institutions for the last three years wherein the enrolment of minority students in technical education has registered a significant increase from 54,142 in 2011-12 to 1,29,681 in 2013-14.

(b) : In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) : The Ministry of Human Resource Development has undertaken measures for increasing the participation of the minority youths in the purview of higher education by implementing various educational schemes. These include establishment of Model Degree Colleges, Women Hostels and Polytechnics in the Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs).

The Ministry of Minority Affairs is also implementing schemes for the educational empowerment of notified minority communities like Pre-Matric and Post Matric Scholarships, Merit-cum Means based scholarships, Free Coaching and Allied scheme, support to minority students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC/SSC and State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc., Padho Pardesh – Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for overseas studies and Scholarship for Meritorious Girl Students of classes XI and XII implemented by Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF).

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched several schemes for SC/ST/ Minorities for their development and for giving better opportunities to them in Higher Education. The major schemes operated by the UGC are as under:

1. Establishment of Residential Coaching Academy for Minorities and SC/ST/ Women in universities.
2. Establishment of Equal Opportunities Cell for SC/ST/OBC/Minorities.
3. Special Assistance to Colleges with relatively higher proportion of SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) and Minorities.
4. Remedial Coaching Schemes for SCs, STs, OBCs & Minorities
5. Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minorities students.
6. Coaching Schemes for SC/ST/OBC/Minorities.

Centres of the Aligarh Muslim University have also been established at Mallapuram, (Kerala), Murshidabad (West Bengal) and Kishanganj (Bihar). Academies for professional development of Urdu medium teachers have been set up in three Central Universities viz. Aligarh Muslim University, Jamia Millia Islamia and Maulana Azad National Urdu University.