

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION No. 435
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018**

Higher Education

*435. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States which have better access to higher education than the national average, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is planning to set up new central universities in the country to provide higher education to everyone and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the Government plans to increase the reach of higher education in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 435 FOR 26.03.2018 ASKED BY SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION.

(a) Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education in India is estimated at 25.2% for the year 2016-17, which is calculated for 18-23 year of age group. The following States/UTs have better access to Higher Education in terms of GER than the National GER of 25.2%:-

SI. No	State/UTs	Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)
1	Andhra Pradesh	32.4
2	Arunachal Pradesh	28.9
3	Chandigarh	56.1
4	Delhi	45.3
5	Goa	28.1
6	Haryana	29.0
7	Himachal Pradesh	36.7
8	Jammu And Kashmir	25.6
9	Karnataka	26.5
10	Kerala	34.2
11	Maharashtra	30.2
12	Manipur	35.0
13	Puducherry	43.1
14	Punjab	28.6
15	Sikkim	37.3
16	Tamil Nadu	46.9
17	Telangana	35.8
18	Uttarakhand	33.4

Source: All India Survey on Higher Education(AISHE), 2016-17

(b)&(c) : At present, there is no proposal under consideration to set up new Central Universities in the country. However, the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act 2014 envisages for establishment of one Central Tribal University each in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and one Central University in the successor state of Andhra Pradesh in the 12th and 13th Plans. Further, the Prime Minister announced a package for Bihar on 18.8.2015 which includes establishment of a Central University near Bhagalpur at the historic site of Vikramshila University.

Government is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme namely Rashtriya Uchatter Shiksha Abhiyaan (RUSA) with the aim of promoting access, equity and quality in higher education. Under RUSA, inter-alia, central assistance is provided to States for creation of model degree colleges, infrastructure grants to colleges and Universities, creation of Universities either through upgradation of existing autonomous colleges or clustering of colleges. Further, Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) has been set up by the Government to mobilize funds from the market as per requirements of the centrally funded higher educational institutions.
