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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

2599 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the current Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education at the National level, State-wise;
- (b) the distribution of enrolment in higher education institutions, gender-wise;
- (c) the details regarding the availability of scholarships and financial assistance programmes to promote higher education accessibility; and
- (d) the measures and initiatives taken by Government to increase GER and improve access to higher education particularly in underserved regions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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- (a) As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2022-23(provisional), National Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is 29.5. The State-wise total GER, is available at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques .
- (b) As per AISHE 2022-23(provisional), the total Student Enrolment in higher education is 4.46 crore, out of which Female Student Enrolment is 2.17 crore (48.7%) and Male Student Enrolment is 2.29 crore (51.3%). The Female enrolment has increased to 2.17 crore in 2022-23 from 1.57 crore in 2014-15 i.e. (an increase of 38.4%).
- (c) Government is implementing various Scholarships and Fellowships for providing financial assistance to students of SC/ST/OBC and Minorities, details of which are available in the following websites:

Sl. No	Ministry/Department	Website links
1.	Department of Higher Education	https://www.education.gov.in/scholarships_education_loan
2.	University Grants Commission	https://frg.ugc.ac.in
3.	All India Council for Technical Education	https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes
4.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat
5.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx
6.	Ministry of Minority Affairs	https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/show_content.php?lang=1&level=2&ls_id=669&lid=825

(d) Education is in Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of the Higher Education Institutions are in the domain of the respective States. The Centre and States endeavour to uplift the educational status of the students of the country, especially the disadvantaged communities. Government has taken various measures to increase the GER in Higher Education, which inter-alia include: -

i. As per the reservation policy of Government of India, the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 was notified in January, 2007, wherein it has been stipulated that 15% of seats are reserved for SC students, 7.5% for ST students, and 27% seats for OBC students in admission in Central Educational Institutions. Instructions have also been issued to the Higher Educational Institutions to ensure that reservation-related provisions of the Act passed by Parliament are implemented by all educational institutions in letter and spirit.

ii. Opening of more HEIs:- The number of Universities/University level Institutions registered under AISHE have increased to 1213 in 2022-23 (Provisional) from 760 in 2014-15 and number of Colleges have increased to 46,624 in 2022-23 (Provisional) from 38,498 in 2014-15.

iii. Implementing various Scholarship and Fellowship schemes for providing financial assistance to students, including for SC/ST/OBC and Minority students and underserved regions.

iv. Allowing well performing HEIs (based on NAAC and NIRF ranking) by University Grants Commission (UGC) to offer full Open Distance Learning/Online Programmes based on quality parameters.

v. Providing much-needed flexibility and appropriate Exit as well Re-entry options in the Higher Education system, to facilitate students to choose their learning trajectory.

vi. Providing anytime, anywhere learning opportunities for all learners through Study Webs for Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) platform, which provides high quality structured online courses in multiple disciplines.

vii. Conducting JEE, NEET (UG) and Common University Entrance Test (CUET) Exams in 13 languages, to facilitate students and making available Text Books in Indian Languages to facilitate students, particularly from vernacular/rural background.

As per National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, aims at increasing the higher education GER to 50% by 2035. Initiatives of the Government has resulted in increase of GER to 29.5 in 2022-23 (Provisional) from 23.7 in 2014-15.
