

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2864
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017

Higher Education in Rural Areas

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that there is less than required Government education infrastructure in the rural areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether a very low percentage of students get higher education after completing their higher secondary education in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (d): No, Madam. As per the recently released All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2015-16, there were 39,071 Colleges in India out of which 60% were located in rural areas. The percentage of Colleges located in rural areas has increased from 55% in 2011-12 to 60% in 2015-16.

The AISHE captures data on enrollment of students in higher education. The AISHE 2015-16 has estimated total higher education enrollment to be 34.6 million. The higher education enrollment in 2015-16 was 5.4 million more than that of in 2011-12. In terms of gross enrollment pattern, the increase was from 20.8% in 2011-12 to 24.5% in 2015-16.
