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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2355
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.7.2017

Enrolment of Minority Students

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the enrolment ratio of minority students in higher education has been stagnant over the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to launch any special programme to improve enrolment of minority students in higher education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a)&(b) : As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) by the Ministry of Human Resource Development the enrolment of minority students in higher education has registered an increase from **20,28,489 to 22,96,671 from 2013-14 to 2015-16.**

(c)&(d) : For increasing the participation of the minority youths in the purview of higher education, Ministry of HRD has implemented schemes such as establishment of Model Degree Colleges, Women Hostels and Polytechnics in the Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs).

The Ministry of Minority Affairs has also implemented schemes i.e. Pre-Matric Scholarships, Post-Matric Scholarships, Merit-cum Means based scholarships, Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Communities.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has schemes, which also benefit minorities. The major schemes operated by the UGC are as under:

1. Remedial Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) & Minority Community students.
2. Coaching for National Eligibility Test/State Eligibility Test for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) & Minority Community students.
3. Coaching Classes for Entry into service for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) & Minority Community students.
4. Coaching Classes for Residential Academies for Minorities/SC/ST and Women.

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