

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 309  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05-02-2018**

**Operation Digital Board**

**309. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV :**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several important decisions including Operation Digital Board have been taken at 65<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a large population is still outside higher education as country's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is lagging far behind China; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT**

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(a) & (b) : The 65<sup>th</sup> meeting of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), the highest advisory body in the field of education in the country, was held under the chairmanship of Union Human Resource Development Minister, during 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in New Delhi. The following resolutions were adopted during the meeting :

- i. to launch 'Operation Digital Board' in all schools in five years. This will be undertaken jointly by Centre, State, CSR, and community.

This will improve the quality of education. Students will be empowered with 360 degree information with interesting learning experience and teacher accountability will also increase

- ii. to ensure Quality, Equity, Accessibility, Accountability and Affordability in education by pro-active action and plan
- iii. to promote Swacch Bharat, Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, Padhe Bharat, Sugamya Bharat and physical education
- iv. to promote human value education, life skill education, experiential learning to bring out good human beings out of the education system
- v. to make all out efforts to increase Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by opening new universities, colleges, using infrastructure more productively and using Open & Distance Learning (ODL) and online education
- vi. to take positive action to plug regional disparities and will prepare perspective plan
- vii. to take necessary steps to ensure that no deserving student should be denied opportunity to have higher education for lack of means
- viii. to strive more for bringing accountability of all stakeholders
- ix. to participate wholeheartedly in innovative programmes like Unnat Bharat, Swacch Bharat, Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, Smart and Green Campus.

(c)&(d) As per UNESCO global report produced by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), the Gross Enrolment Ratio of India is gradually increasing. The data extracted from UIS for India and China for the years 2011 to 2015 is as follows :

Country	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
India	22.9%	24.4%	23.9%	25.5%	26.9%
China	24.9 %	27.2%	30.2%	39.4%	43.4%

(source : UIS.SAT)

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