

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3863
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

Post-Graduate Courses

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

- (a) the average annual number of candidates getting enrolled against under post-graduate courses at present;
- (b) the percentage of such students to the total population of the country;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target to increase this number; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the target is likely to be achieved?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): Total enrolment of Post Graduates, Total Population of eligible age group (18-23 years) and Percentage of Post Graduates to Total Population of eligible age group (18-23 years), as per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), for last 3 years is given as under:

Year	Total Enrolment of Post Graduates	Total Population (18-23 years)	% of Post Graduates to Total Population (18-23 years)	Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education
2014-15	3853438	141045558	2.73	24.3
2015-16	3917156	141290793	2.77	24.5
2016-17	4007570	141537252	2.83	25.2

It is pertinent to note that population in age group (18-23 years) is considered as eligible population for the purpose of enrolment in Higher Education.

(c) & (d): The aim of Government is to achieve overall Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of 30% by 2020 in Higher Education as against GER of 25.2% in 2016-17 (as per AISHE, 2016-17).
