

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1078
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018

Seats for Ph.D.

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

- (a) whether the Government is not being able to increase the number of seats for research or Ph.D. at the national level in proportion to the growing educated people in the country due to which the talented students are forced to go to foreign countries to acquire higher education;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to increase the number of research/ Ph.D. seats in proportion to their rising demand; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a): As per the All India Survey on Higher Education report 2017-18, the total enrolment for Ph.D during the last four years is as tabulated below:

Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Enrolment	117301	126451	141037	161412

From the above statistics, it is evident that there has been substantial increase in the Ph.D enrolments over the years.

(b) & (c): The Government has been committed to ensure improvement in the Higher Education Sector in the Country. In order to promote innovative and cognitive thinking and improve the quality of Ph.D Programmes, IMPRINT (Impacting Research Innovation and Technology), IMPRESS (Impactful Policy Research in Social Science), SPARC (Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration) have been launched and STARS (Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Fundamental Sciences) is under active consideration.
