

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 85  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019

**Higher Education**

85. SHRI A. RAJA:

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

- (a) the details of the number of girls enrolled for higher education especially from rural areas and backward classes within the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether it has increased during the last few years, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the action taken/being taken by the Government for maximum coverage of rural areas and backward classes and to encourage them for higher education;
- (e) the details of the facilities being provided by the Government for rural areas girls including backward classes in this regard; and
- (f) whether all their reserved seats are filled every year or remain vacant, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government against their vacant seats?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (f): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that girls enrolment in higher education has increased from 2016-17 to 2018-19.

The Government has taken various steps for improving the enrolment of girls in higher education such as providing grants for construction of Women's Hostel in Universities and Colleges, establishment of Women's Studies Centres, implementation of Single Girl Child Scholarship, construction/renovation of women toilets and also providing grants for benefit of weaker section of the society through programme like "activities related to women empowerment" under General Development Assistance scheme. The All India Council for

Technical Education (AICTE) is also implementing Pragati Scholarship for girls in AICTE approved technical institutions for Diploma /Under Graduate level program. The total number of scholarship given is 4000 per annum (2000 for Degree and 2000 for Diploma). In the scheme two girls child per family are eligible, who's family income is not more than 8 lakh per annum during the preceding financial year. The year-wise details of the beneficiaries of the Pragati Scholarship are available at <https://www.aicte-india.org/schemes/students-development-schemes>.

Further, UGC issues instructions from time to time to all Universities to implement the reservation policy for SC/ST/OBC, EWS and Persons with Disabilities in teaching and non-teaching posts as well as admission to all level courses. There is no specific reservation for girl students. However, the Government is keen to increase the female enrolment in Higher Education. Accordingly, a provision has been made to increase female enrolment in IITs from 8% in 2017-18 to 20% in 2020-21 by creating supernumerary seats. Government is pleased to inform that for the first time the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of female has exceeded the GER for male during the year 2018-19. The Gender Parity Index for 2018-19 is now 1.00.

A State-wise list of details of girls enrolment of Other Backward Classes (OBC) category from 2016-17 to 2018-19 is at Annexure.

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