

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1704
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020
GER in Higher Education**

1704. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of Universities, Colleges, Standalone Institutes, Schools across the country including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of the current gross enrolment ratio in higher education;
- (c) whether it is not as per the set GER in higher education especially in backward/rural areas of the country including Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/being taken by the Government to cover the backward/rural areas within the country including Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu;
- (e) whether the Government is planning to set a target of achieving 50 percent GER in higher education to equip its working population with employable skills; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2018-19 and U-DISE+ 2018-19 (Provisional), the number of Universities, Colleges, Standalone Institutions and schools across the Country is 993, 39931, 10725 and 1550006 respectively. In respect of Tamil Nadu State, there are 59 Universities, 2466 Colleges, 918 Standalone Institutions and 59152 schools.

(b): As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2018-19, the current gross enrolment ratio in higher education in India is 26.3. The Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education in Tamil Nadu is 49.0.

(c) & (d): The 12th Plan Document has fixed targets of 30% GER by 2020-21. In order to increase the enrolment in higher educational institutions, various measures have been taken by Government which includes issuing of new UGC regulation for Open and Distance Learning that allows entry of reputed institutions to offer education on the distance mode. Using of ICT technology- SWAYAM portal to reach out of people and allow them to secure good quality education. Encouraging opening of institutions by State Governments through the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) which aims to achieve equity, access and excellence in higher education. The scheme supports components such as upgrading autonomous colleges to universities, clustering colleges to establish a university, setting up of new professional colleges in un-served and underserved areas as well as providing infrastructure grants to universities and colleges to scale up capacity. More scholarship programmes to supplement the cost of education. Moreover, Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) has been established under the Companies Act, 2013 to leverage funds from market to finance improvement in infrastructure in top institutions of education.

(e) & (f): No such target has been fixed.
