

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3370
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

Registration of Girls/Women for Education

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to the All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE), 2019-20 the registration of girls/women for education has increased from 18 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote education among girls and women?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

- (a) & (b): As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), the overall enrolment of female students in higher education has been consistently increasing over the years. Table below gives female, male and total enrolment in higher education between 2015-16 and 2019-20. The enrolment of females has increased by about 18% from 1.60 crore in 2015-16 to 1.89 crore in 2019-20.

Enrolment in Higher Education from 2015-16 to 2019-20							
Year	Enrolment			Growth (%) in enrolment over the previous year			% Female enrolment
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
2015-16	15990058	18594723	34584781				46.2
2016-17	16725310	18980595	35705905	4.6	2.1	3.3	46.8
2017-18	17437703	19204675	36642378	4.3	1.2	2.5	47.6
2018-19	18189500	19209888	37399388	4.3	0.0	2.2	48.6
2019-20	18892612	19643747	38536359	3.9	2.3	3.0	49.0
Growth (%) in enrolment during 2015-16 to 2019-20				18.2	5.6	11.3	
<i>(source: Compiled from AISHE reports of different years)</i>							

- (b): The steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote education among girls and women are as follows:

- I. Issuing of new UGC regulation for Open and Distance Learning that allows entry of reputed institutions to offer education on the distance mode.
- II. Use of ICT technology- SWAYAM portal to take the best teaching resources to all, including the most disadvantaged.

- III. Opening of more centrally funded institutions.
- IV. Encouraging opening of institutions by State Governments through the Rashtriya Uchcharat 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.
- V. More scholarship programmes to supplement the cost of education.
- VI. Additionally, as per the recommendations of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, the following steps are being initiated by the Government to ensure equitable access to the highest quality of education for all learners, especially women, regardless of social or economic background:
 - i. A Gender Inclusion Fund will be constituted by Government of India to provide quality and equitable education to all girls. The fund will focus on ensuring 100% enrolment of girls in Schooling and a record participation rate in higher education.
 - ii. Free hostel facilities will be made available for all women.
 - iii. New multi-disciplinary HEIs (including those specially for women) will be opened in or near every district.
 - iv. Special scholarships for women/transgender/ divyang will be introduced.
 - v. Guidelines and advisories will be issued and monitoring mechanism will be put in place to ensure basic facilities amenities and safe, secure environment in all HEIs for women.
