GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2011 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2022

AISHE Report 2019-20

2011. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that as per the All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) Report 2019-20, Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students at the under graduate level was found to be 23.4 per cent and 18 per cent respectively as compared to national GER of 27.1 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such disparities despite presence of reservation in higher educational institutions;
- (c) whether there has been a change in the GER of SC and ST category students during the last five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to promote higher education across the country?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (e) The Government of India has been consistently taking a number of steps to promote education of Scheduled Caste(SC) / Scheduled Tribe(ST) students. There, inter alia include reservation of seats, financial assistance, hostel accommodation, establishment of Higher Education Institutions(HEIs), teaching in local/Indian languages, offering online, Open Distance Learning(ODL), Direct to Home(DTH) courses, etc.

Due to the conscious efforts of the Government, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of SC/ST students has increased as detailed below as per All India Survey of Higher education(AISHE) Report:

	AISHE 2015-16	AISHE 2019-20	% increase
GER SC	19.9	23.4	17.6
GER ST	14.2	18.0	26.8
GER ALL	24.5	27.1	10.6