

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5091
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022**

Gross Enrolment Ratio of Minorities of Higher Education

5091. **SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Gross Enrolment Ratio of Higher Education within the country, State-wise including Assam especially in rural areas;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any target in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with its present status;
- (d) whether greater inclusion of minorities in higher education is also one of the key objectives of the Government;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken by the Government to increase their percentage in higher education in Assam so far;
- (f) the details of the target set and the achievements made so far;
- (g) whether the Government has planned to set up a Minority Women's College at Ratabari, Karimganj district of Assam with a view to move ahead towards its objectives; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to set up?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The State-wise Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education including Assam is available at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques.
- (b) & (c) As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2019-20, the Gross Enrolment ratio (GER) in Higher Education is 27.1. As per National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Government has fixed the target to achieve 50% GER by 2035. To achieve the fixed target, Government has taken various steps which include issuing of new University Grants Commission regulation for Open and Distance Learning that allows entry of reputed institutions to offer education on the distance mode, using ICT mode through- SWAYAM portal to reach out of people and allow them to secure good quality education, , hostel accommodation, establishment of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), teaching in local/Indian languages, Direct to Home(DTH) courses, encouraging expansion of education by State Governments through the Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), more scholarship programmes to supplement the cost of education etc.

(d) to (f) The enrolment of students from Minority communities has increased significantly from 21,83,184, as per AISHE 2014-15, to 29,88,610 as per AISHE 2019-20, (an increase of 36.9%). The National Education Policy 2020 is also emphasizing on Equitable and Inclusive Education by focusing on Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) which includes students from minority communities also.

Government is encouraging Minority students through Scholarships/Fellowships Schemes of Ministry of Minority Affairs, such as 'Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students (MANF)' to provide financial assistance to selected candidates belonging to Minority Communities viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi, Sikh for pursuing M.Phil/Ph.D research on full time/regular basis, Merit-cum-Mean based Scholarship Scheme for pursuing technical and professional courses, Padho Pardesh- Interest Subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies and Educational Loan Scheme of National Minorities Development Finance Corporation (NMDFC).

(g) & (h) Under the Scheme Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) of Government, grants are given to various State/UTs under various components. In this, State Government Universities and Colleges are funded to achieve the aims of equity, access and excellence. Under the Scheme, the below given institutions of Karimganj district of Assam are being supported under various components:

District	Name of Institution
Karimganj	Govt. Model Degree College, Karimganj (South),
	Karimganj College
	N C College
	R S Girls' College
