

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1270
ANSWERED ON-28/07/2025

EXPANSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

†1270. Shri Ujjwal Raman Singh:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the higher education sector has expanded rapidly in the recent past which has resulted in rise in the number of coaching centers and students;
- (b) the percentage of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education during the year 2024-25;
- (c) whether the Government proposes any special schemes to attract foreign students to study in the country in view of the expansion of higher education sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

- (a): As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2022-23(Provisional), Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) registered on AISHE have increased to 60,380 in 2022-23 from 58,643 in 2021-22 and student enrolment has increased to 4.46 crore in 2022-23 from 4.33 crore in 2021-22.
- (b): As per latest AISHE, 2022-23(Provisional), Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at National Level is 29.5.
- (c) & (d): Study in India (SII) Scheme aims to attract foreign students to study in the country. 'Study in India' program is a flagship initiative to promote Indian education and making India as a preferred destination, with the overall objective to increase the number of international students coming to study in India. SII portal <https://studyinindia.gov.in> has been launched on 3rd August, 2023, as a dedicated website that showcases the best of Indian Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and is a one stop solution for admission and visa applications for foreign students who wish to pursue their higher education in Indian HEIs. It is mandatory for all international students seeking admission in Indian HEIs to register on the SII portal. The portal provides a structured mechanism to facilitate foreign students to meet their Visa obligations.
