

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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ACCESS RATIO IN HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the access ratio in higher education in the country has increased from 6 to 10 percent as envisaged in the Tenth Plan;
- (b) if so, the details of enrolment and the corresponding access ratio ;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures initiated to achieve this goal by 2007 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURC DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d): The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education for the relevant age group of 18-23 years in India is estimated to be 3.97 per cent as on September, 2002. The target for the tenth Five Year Plan period (2002-07) is to reach a level of 10 Expansion of capacity, improvement in quality and relevance in the University System, alongwith strengthening the Open and Distance Learning System of education is the broad strategy adopted for increasing enrolment in higher education.