

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of youth in higher education in the country especially from scheduled tribe areas;
- (b) the details of the schemes run by the Government to promote higher education in backward and scheduled tribe areas; and
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up institutions of excellence for modern education in backward and tribal areas and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a): As per the provisional All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) report 2012-13, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education in the age group of 18-23 years is 21.1% and the GER of Scheduled Tribes is 11.0%.
- (b) & (c): The Central Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) during the 12th Plan in order to improve access, equity and quality of higher education, especially in unserved or underserved areas by setting up quality new institutions and improving infrastructure and facilities in existing institutions.