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**Significant increment has been witnessed in the Ph.D enrolments during the last 4 year's**New Delhi, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

As per the All India Survey on Higher Education report 2017-18, the total enrolment for Ph.D during the last four years is as tabulated below:

Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Enrolment	117301	126451	141037	161412

From the above statistics, it is evident that there has been substantial increase in the Ph.D enrolments over the years.

The Government has been committed to ensure improvement in the Higher Education Sector in the Country. In order to promote innovative and cognitive thinking and improve the quality of Ph.D Programmes, IMPRINT (Impacting Research Innovation and Technology), IMPRESS (Impactful Policy Research in Social Science), SPARC (Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration) have been launched and STARS (Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Fundamental Sciences) is under active consideration.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Dr. Satya Pal Singh today in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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