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**ENROLMENT OF SC/ST STUDENTS**

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As per All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students over the last four years is as under:-

GER in Higher Education (18-23 Years)

Year	SC Students	ST Students
2011-12	14.9	11.0
2012-13	16.0	11.1
2013-14	17.1	11.3
2014-15(P)	18.5	13.3

*P – Provisional. (Source – AISHE, MHRD)*

It can be seen from the above table that there is an increasing trend in GER of SC/ST students in higher education over the last four years.

Government has taken several measures to increase the enrollment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in higher education. The University Grants Commission implements several schemes/measures such as Rajiv Gandhi National fellowships for SC/ST students, post-graduate scholarships for SC/ST students, post-doctoral fellowships for SC/ST students, coaching schemes for SC/ST students, establishment of Equal Opportunity Cells in universities and establishment of centres in universities for study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs have also scholarship schemes for SC/ST students like Post Matric scholarship for SC/ST students, Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top class Education for SC/ST students and National Overseas Scholarship for SC/ST students.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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