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The UGC is also providing Swami Vivekananda single girl child fellowship for research in Social Sciences. Under this fellowship single girl children, who are registered in Ph.D. programme in Social Sciences, are eligible for receiving ₹ 25,000/- per month for initial two years and ₹ 28,000/- per month till date of submission of Ph.D. thesis or five years, whichever is earlier. The guidelines of the scheme are at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7042851_revised-final-SVGC.pdf

Gross Enrolment Ratio of girls in elementary education

1247. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extant figure pertaining to the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of girls in elementary education in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) The State-wise details of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of girls in elementary education as per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2014-15 are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) To encourage the participation of girls at elementary level, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for the opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, the appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching learning materials including textbooks and the scheme of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) as residential upper primary schools for girls belonging to SC/ST/Minority Communities, BPL families and girls in difficult circumstances. Out of the 3609 KGBVs sanctioned, 3599 are operational enrolling 3,64,855 girls.

The 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' Scheme is a joint initiative of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of

Human Resource Development with the objectives of preventing gender biased sex selection, ensuring survival and protection of the girl child and ensuring her education.

Under the Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative, 417796 toilets blocks have been constructed/re-constructed in 261400 elementary and secondary Government schools from 15th August, 2014 to 15th August, 2015. As on 15th August, 2015, every Government school has gender segregated toilets.

Statement

Details of gross enrolment ratio

Sl. No.	State/UT	GER of Girls in Elementary Education
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	87.30
2.	Andhra Pradesh	87.18
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	126.66
4.	Assam	111.51
5.	Bihar	105.37
6.	Chandigarh	95.74
7.	Chhattisgarh	102.39
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	82.25
9.	Daman and Diu	87.63
10.	Delhi	121.34
11.	Goa	103.60
12.	Gujarat	97.58
13.	Haryana	100.29
14.	Himachal Pradesh	101.79
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	81.48
16.	Jharkhand	107.56
17.	Karnataka	98.86
18.	Kerala	95.90
19.	Lakshadweep	78.48
20.	Madhya Pradesh	100.55
21.	Maharashtra	99.24
22.	Manipur	131.78
23.	Meghalaya	137.68

Sl. No.	State/UT	GER of Girls in Elementary Education
24.	Mizoram	122.17
25.	Nagaland	101.74
26.	Odisha	98.75
27.	Puducherry	93.01
28.	Punjab	104.44
29.	Rajasthan	92.62
30.	Sikkim	121.70
31.	Tamil Nadu	100.46
32.	Telangana	95.56
33.	Tripura	114.41
34.	Uttar Pradesh	93.18
35.	Uttarakhand	95.69
36.	West Bengal	105.77
ALL STATES		99.24

Source: U-DISE (2014-15)

Central Universities in Bihar and Jharkhand

†1248. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish Central Universities in all States of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether a decision has been taken to establish Central Universities in most backward States like Jharkhand and Bihar on priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal to set up new Central Universities in all States of the Country. However, the Andhra Pradesh Re-organization Act, 2014 envisages establishment of one Central Tribal University each in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and one Central University in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh in the 12th and 13th Plans. Further, the Prime Minister announced a package for Bihar on 18.8.2015 which includes establishment of a Central University near Bhagalpur at the historic site of Vikramshila University.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.