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The Central Educational Institutions(CEIs) (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 provides for the reservation of students belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs)/ Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) of citizens to the extent of 15%, 7.5% and 27%, respectively, in Central Educational Institutions (CEIs) established, maintained or aided by the Central Government subject to exceptions provided under Section 4 of the Act and subject to special provisions for regions specified in the amendment to the Act in 2012. The implementation of the provisions of the CEI Act, 2006 in Central Educational Institutions is being followed in letter and spirit.

As per All India Survey of Higher Education reports, enrolment of students in Masters and M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes has been showing constant increase every year. The increase noticed after the implementation of UGC M.Phil/Ph.D regulations, 2016 was particularly high in comparison to previous years. Year-wise comparison is as under:

Years	Student Enrolment	
	Ph.D.	M.Phil.
2014-15	117301	33371
2015-16	126451	42523
2016-17	141037	43267

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

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