

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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INDIAN STUDENTS OPTING FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

1688. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:
SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the increasing popularity of public policy programmes and careers among Indian students and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken cognizance that Indian students are largely opting for foreign Universities and private institutions for these programmes;
- (c) whether the Government intends to coordinate with public Universities such as University of Delhi, IITs, JNU etc. to introduce Masters programmes in Public Policy/Public Administration to cater to the requirements of the students and the professional sector;
- (d) if so, the steps likely to be taken and the tentative timeline for the same and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government intends to engage with Academic Institutions, policy think tanks and experts in the field to design and implement these programmes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) and (b): The Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs maintains departure and arrival data of citizens. But there is no index of Indian students going abroad for higher education purpose. Purpose of Indians for going abroad is captured based either on their verbal disclosure or the type of visa of the destination country produced by them at the time of according immigration clearance.

(c) to (e): As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) Report, 2020-21, the State-wise details of Institutions offering course related with Public Policy with intake is available at https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/2862251_LSPQ_1688_Annexure_I.pdf.

As per information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), Course-wise approval is not accorded by the UGC. The UGC recognized Universities, being autonomous bodies, can offer programmes with the approval of their respective Statutory bodies as provided in the respective Act/ Statutes and Regulatory Councils where applicable, leading to award of specified degrees. The Indian Institutes of Technologies (IITs) are offering courses which are Multi-Disciplinary and inter-Disciplinary. Their Senate is empowered to take decisions regarding academic matters such as introduction of any new course /curriculum etc.
