

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-2517
ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2023

FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES CAMPUS IN INDIA

2517. SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI JAYANT SINHA:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received applications/proposals/interest from Foreign Universities to establish campuses in India;
- (b) if so, the details of the said applications/proposals received along with the details of the standards fixed for Indian Students to receive assured affordable and high quality education;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to assess the said applications from Foreign Universities;
- (d) the details of criteria being laid for such foreign universities to open campus in India;
- (e) whether the Government is working on any policy or guidelines for the same, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether any foreign university has communicated their interest to set up their campuses in the country, if so, the details thereof and the time by which foreign university campus will be functioning?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): In the Union Budget 2022-23 it was announced that world-class Foreign Universities and Institutions will be allowed in the Gujarat International Finance Tech-City (GIFT City) to offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics free from domestic regulations, except those by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA). Foreign Universities and Institutions can set up their Branch Campuses in GIFT City as per the criteria and standards laid down in the IFSCA (Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campuses and Offshore Education Centres) Regulations, 2022. Deakin University and University of Wollongong from Australia have received in principle approval from IFSCA to establish their campus in GIFT City.

Further, to facilitate the entry of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) in India for providing an international dimension to higher education, enabling Indian students to obtain foreign qualifications at affordable cost and making India an attractive global study destination, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023 dated 07.11.2023. These Regulations specify the eligibility and procedure for approval for the FHEIs intending to establish campus in India and are available at <https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/Setting%20up%20and%20Operation%20of%20Campuses%20of%20Foreign%20Higher%20Educational%20Institutions%20in%20India.pdf> .
