

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INDUSTRY STATUS TO EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Trade Organization has given the status of a major industry to education and valued it as Rs.47,000,00 crore;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government are considering establishment of Indian Universities in the foreign countries;
- (c) if so, the policy formulated alongwith the details of the progress made in this regard; and
- (d) the places where the Government propose to set up such universities and the justification for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

- (a): The General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) administered by World Trade Organization (WTO) hasclassified services into 12 (twelve) sectors and Education is one among them. There is no WTO Document in the notice of the Government, which grants a major industry status to Education and pegs its value at Rs.47,000,00 crore.
- (b): At present there is no proposal under consideration with Government to establish Indian Universities abroad.
- (c) & (d) : Do not arise.