

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

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has held talks with the University of Innsbruck, Austria to foster mutual cooperation in the field of post-graduate education and research;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the progress made in this direction so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (e) : A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Development of Collaboration between Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, India and Medical University, Innsbruck, Austria was signed on 17th February, 2005 in New Delhi with the aim of fostering mutual cooperation in the field of post-graduate medical education and research. The proposed activities under the MOU are – students and academic staff exchange between the two institution collaborative research in the areas of basic medical sciences, clinical sciences, public health and research in other fields as well as joint training Masters and Doctoral level programme and short courses. The MOU also provides for an annual meeting, rotating between the participating institutions, to plan and develop new activities and to evaluate the activities completed.