

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:86

ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004

FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to allow the entry of foreign universities in the field of imparting education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;
- (d) the reasons for allowing the foreign universities in the field of education in the country;
- (e) whether a number of applications by foreign universities to set up/affiliates in India are under the consideration of the Government;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether there has been complaints about the quality and exorbitant cost being charged for the degrees offered by the existing foreign affiliates in the country; and
- (h) if so, the details and precautions being taken in giving approval to the new applications?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (h) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS a TO h OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 86 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7-12-2004 REGARDING FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES ASKED BY SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY AND SHRI RAJNARAYAN BUDHOLIYA

(a) to (d): The Central Government has initiated the process of evolving a policy with regard to the entry of Foreign Universities. It has been decided to set up a Committee of Experts to study the entire gamut of issues impinging on higher and technical education with the entry of Foreign Universities in India. The Committee will be requested to submit its recommendation within a period of three months.

(e) & (f): The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has received 36 applications from Foreign Universities so far, for consideration under the regulations notified by the Council.

(g) & (h): No, Sir.