

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

- (a) whether a delegation from Singapore visited India recently and inter-alia discussed to tie up with IIMs for benefit of students of both the countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the IIM, Bangalore had already started opening of a centre in Singapore;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has denied permission to Indian Institute of Management(IIM), Bangalore for setting- up of campus in Singapore;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether in view of the greater demand the Government has decided to reconsider its decision;
- (g) if so, whether Union Government had called a meeting of experts in January, 2006 to discuss the issue; and
- (h) if so, the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

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(a) to (b): A delegation from Singapore comprising of former Prime Minister of Singapore, two member of Singapore Parliament, High Commissioner of Singapore in India, Council of the Republic of Singapore in Mumbai and other senior officials visited IIM, Ahmedabad on 15th January, 2006 and suggested the Institute to broaden the scope of its existing collaborative arrangements with the Business School of the National University of Singapore to encompass various areas such as faculty exchange, joint research projects and executive education etc. Similarly, faculty members from universities in Singapore have visited IIM, Calcutta to explore possibilities of working together. However, no programmes have been finalized as yet.

(c) to (h): Only IIM, Bangalore is examining the feasibility of having its Campus in Singapore and all other details in this connection are yet to be worked out. However, the Memorandum of Association of IIM, Bangalore does not allow for opening campuses abroad. In the meeting of Directors of IIMs held in the Ministry on 01.02.2006 the IIM, Bangalore was advised to suitably amend its Memorandum of Association if it wishes to open its campus abroad.