

**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 set up a Committee to suggest a policy regarding affiliation of Indian and International schools based in the country to foreign boards and to permit foreign teachers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the recommendations made by the Committee;
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether there is any policy decision taken about setting up international schools in the country and affiliation of schools in India to foreign boards; and
- (f) the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (f): A committee consisting of representatives of Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), Council of Board of School Education (COBSE), National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT), Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and eminent educationists, was constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in February, 2006 to suggest a policy, inter-alia, regarding setting up of schools affiliated to foreign boards in India and appointment of foreign teachers in such schools. The main recommendations of the Committee relate to designation of a school as "International" school, affiliation to foreign Boards, need to have respect for values relating to Indian culture, secularism, diversity and tolerance of differences as enshrined in Indian Constitution and appointment of foreign teachers. The recommendations are under consideration of the Government.