

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:83

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COLLABORATION WITH FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for collaboration with foreign educational institutions and to regulate their entry and operation in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (d) the benefits likely to accrue to the country as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 83 FOR 3.03.2010 ASKED BY SHRI N. CHALUVARAYA SWAMY AND SHRI BALKRISHNA K. SHUKLA, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING COLLABORATION WITH FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

(a) to (d) : 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through automatic route is permitted in the Education Sector since 11th February 2000. Even at present Central Universities, State Universities and Institutions Deemed to be Universities can enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), without the authority to confer foreign degrees, for collaboration in the nature of joint academic/ research programmes, exchange of faculty, students and academic material, setting up facilities and conducting workshops and seminars etc, with foreign universities/ institutions of higher learning in foreign countries.

In regard to the entry and operation of foreign universities/ institutions, All India Council for Technical Education has framed regulations for imparting technical education in India. A legislative proposal for regulating the entry and operation of foreign educational institutions in India is under consideration of the Government.

Possible benefits arising out of regulating foreign educational institutions in India include among others, facilitating the participation of globally renowned and quality academic institutions in our higher education sector, and for bringing in foreign education providers for vocational training and skill development to narrow the gap between demand and supply, access to Indian students in innovative areas of studies, enhanced research opportunities, increase in investment and Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education.