

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF PEACE, EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Peace Education and Sustainable Development as a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) category-I institute;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) whether a team of UNESCO recently visited the country to undertake a feasibility study of the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Institute is proposed to be established at New Delhi for promoting teaching, research and capacity building activities in peace education. The overall focus of the Institute's activities will be on fostering a culture of peace through education, promoting sustainable economic and social development and respect for human rights. The proposal is being discussed with UNESCO and is at a nascent stage.