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

- (a) the number of Indian students studying abroad, State-wise and country-wise;
- (b) whether the country leads in the number of students studying in U.S.A. at present;
- (c) if so, the estimated funds spent annually by these students for continuing their education in other countries; and
- (d) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to ensure these students do not migrate abroad?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Specific information is not maintained within this Ministry regarding Indian students studying abroad or the funds spent by them on this account. Reports from USA indicate that India continues to lead in the number of foreign students in higher education institutions in the United States of America (USA) with 1,03,260 Indian students in the academic year 2008-09.

(d): During the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012), a number of new higher educational institutions have already been established to expand and improve access to higher education within the country. However seeking higher education within the country or abroad is a matter of individual choice.