

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

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ADMISSION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has decided to promote admission of foreign nationals in centrally funded institutions in the country and the Indian students in institutions abroad for undergraduate engineering programmes;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The funds earmarked and the response received so far?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Supernumerary seats to the extent of 15% of approved intake in All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved institutions/University Departments offering technical courses leading to Diploma, Degree and Post-Graduate Degree in Engineering & Technology, Architecture & Town Planning, Pharmacy, Applied Arts, MBA & MCA, Hotel Management & Catering Technology are reserved for foreign Nationals/Persons of Indian origin (PIO)/Non Resident Indian (NRI) including children of workers in Gulf countries.

According to information furnished by Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs under the scheme of `Scholarship programme for Diaspora children (SPDC),` 100 scholarship upto US\$ 3600/-per annum are offered to PIO and NRI students (preference being given to PIO students) for Undergraduate courses in Engineering / Technology, Humanities / Liberal Arts, Commerce, Management, Journalism, Hotel Management, Agriculture / Animal Husbandry etc. The scheme is open to NRIs / PIOs from 40 countries with substantial Indian Diaspora population.

No separate information is available in respect of Indian students pursuing undergraduate engineering programme in institutions abroad. There are no restrictions on cross-border students' mobility and such mobility can be owing to a variety of reasons such as affordability, access to bank loans, exposure to foreign societies, aptitude for particular branches of studies, inability to gain admission to top Indian institutions due to capacity limitation etc. Another reason could be the interest among students to join some of the universities abroad which have a long history of education and research spread over centuries.