

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

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NALANDA AS AN EDUCATIONAL HUB
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to develop Nalanda as an educational hub;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A Bill, namely, "the Nalanda University Bill, 2010" has been approved by the Government for introduction in the Parliament. The Bill is being piloted by the Ministry of External Affairs. The proposed Bill aims at revival of the Nalanda University as a 21st century learning institution linking South and East Asia and its development as place for meeting of minds from the national and international arenas, to carry out research that would link philosophy to science, technology, economy and spirituality and integrate both ancient and modern thinking.

The Government of Bihar has issued a Notification transferring the Nalanda University established under the University of Nalanda Act, 2007 to the Central Government for setting up of the Nalanda University. There is no Central Scheme under XIth Plan for developing specific sites as educational hubs.