

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

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INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with United Kingdom (UK) to set up new Institutes of higher education and skill development programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the other collaborations or agreements signed with UK in the education sector during the recent past; and
- (d) the number of students likely to be benefited as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No, Sir. During the Visit of Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development to UK from 13th to 16th January 2010, a Joint Statement between the Ministry of Human Resources Development of the Government of India and the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills on behalf of the Government and the Devolved Administrations of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was signed on 13th January 2010 to strengthen institutional links at all levels of the education sector i.e. elementary education, secondary education, post-secondary education and professional education.

Apart from Joint Statement, 7 MoUs between educational institutions from India and their counterpart institutions in UK, were also signed earlier this year. While some of the MoUs are between specific institutions in India and the UK, other collaborations relate to different activities for development of the education sector and will benefit wider student community.