

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

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PHALGUNA SAKA LURING INDIAN STUDENTS BY FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

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

(a) whether a large number of foreign universities in USA, UK, Australia, Singapore and other countries lure the attention of Indian students through educational fairs, advertisement in electronic/print media and agents for admissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to verify the credentials of these foreign universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to warn/protect Indian students from seeking admission in fake foreign universities?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. While there is no bar on Indian students availing opportunities for higher studies in reputed institutions in foreign countries, no information of any foreign institutions or their means of canvassing for admissions is centrally maintained.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): In view of a recent incident in the USA where a University was shut down by the US Government causing hardship to some Indian students, the Government has requested the US Government to take all possible steps to prevent such incidents in future. Government also hopes that Indian students will exercise due vigilance in applying to foreign universities. A legislative proposal for prohibiting unfair practices, including misleading advertisements, has already been introduced in Parliament.