

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether Britain is keen on helping West Bengal in the education sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The second phase of the United Kingdom-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI-II) has been launched for the period from 2011-2015. The Initiative covers the entire country including West Bengal. Major elements of the Initiative are:-

- # Leadership Development – building leadership capacity in schools, colleges and universities.
- # Innovation Partnerships – enhancing the innovation capacity of further and higher education institutions.
- # Skills Development – enabling the UK skills sector to support India with its ambition to train 500 million people by 2022.
- # Enhancing Mobility – through the mutual recognition of learning and achievements.

Under this project, some UK Universities have shown interest in collaboration/tie up with counterpart institutions in India.