

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DATA BANK OF STUDENTS ABROAD

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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of students studying in foreign countries including Australia as on date, country-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish a data bank of all the students going abroad for studies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such data bank is likely to be established;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to issue any guidelines for students seeking admission for studies abroad; and
- (e) the time by which such guidelines are likely to be issued by the Government?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) The exact number of Indian students studying in foreign countries is not available as most of them do not register themselves with Indian Diplomatic Missions/Posts abroad. Approximate number of Indian students as available, country-wise, is given in Annexure-I, placed on the Table of the House.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has undertaken an 'E-Governance in Emigration' project to transform the process of mobility of Indian workers and students going abroad into a simple, orderly and transparent process through an Information Technology platform.

As part of this project the details of Indian students going overseas for education will also be registered. This will help establish a data base of Indian students going abroad.

The project is targeted for completion by the end of 2010.

(d) & (e) An advisory to students who plan to go to some of the countries for studies is placed on the website of the Ministry.