

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

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

- (a) whether the Indian students are opting higher education in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the reasons attributed are lack of facilities and teaching faculties;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the facilities and teaching faculties;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to hire foreign faculty members in order to reverse the trend;
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d): Seeking higher education within the country or abroad is a matter of individual choice and while Government is aware of large number of Indian students studying in foreign educational institutions, details of such students are not centrally maintained. The Government is fully aware of the huge demand for higher education opportunities and a host of reforms have been initiated by this Ministry for meeting this demand, especially through establishing a number of new institutions and causing reforms in existing ones, including in spheres of Governance, academic and regulatory matters.

(e)&(f): Educational institutions are autonomous and hire faculty as per the provisions of the statute governing them.