

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

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

- (a) whether United Kingdom has released a list of Indian Banks whose financial transaction would not be accepted for the purpose of student visa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether several Indian students studying in United Kingdom would be affected by this decision;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interest of the students affected by this decision?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Yes, Sir. On 25th October 2011, the UK Border Agency (UKBA) issued a notification that it will not accept financial statements from certain Indian banks for the purpose of student visas as these banks do not satisfactorily verify financial statements. This came into effect from 24th November 2011.
- (c): No, Sir. This would not affect those students who are already studying in United Kingdom.
- (d)&(e): Does not arise.