

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

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

- (a) whether some foreign countries have cancelled visa of Indian students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to address the visa problems of the students;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the information available, visas of 56 Indian students in Australia and 3 Indian students in Islamic Republic of Iran were cancelled. As per information provided by Indian High Commission in Australia the visas of 56 Indian students were cancelled in 2010-11 mainly due to breach of conditions of visa. Government of Islamic Republic of Iran has not furnished reasons for cancellation of visas.

(c) & (d): The High Commission of India at Canberra took up the issue with Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). Similarly, Ambassador of India in Iran has taken up the issue with the concerned authorities. Government has also taken up proactive steps on the issue of student visas with countries like Australia, United States of America and United Kingdom at appropriate forums.

(e): Does not arise.