

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:335  
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DATA BANK OF INDIAN STUDENTS ABROAD  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the 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;
- (e) if so, the time by which such guidelines are likely to be issued by the Government;
- (f) whether the Government is making efforts to provide scholarship to students who want to study abroad;
- (g) if so, the details of schemes and the amount allocated for the purpose;
- (h) whether the Government is also taking efforts for providing incentives to encourage the students studying abroad to return to India; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Specific information regarding Indian students studying in different foreign countries is not maintained by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. However, as per information available, there are about 80,000 Indian students presently in Australia.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d) & (e): No, Sir. Studying abroad depends on the choice of students and Government does not intervene in such choices. However, the Ministry of External Affairs issues travel advisories from time to time, which are intended to safeguarding interests of Indians going abroad, including students.
- (f) & (g): Ministry of Human Resource Development does not provide scholarships to Indian students for studying abroad.
- (h) & (i): The Government has initiated a host of reforms in the higher education sector, especially through a number of new institutions and revamping the existing ones.