

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

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US STUDENTS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India ranks at 14th position for the US student going overseas;
- (b) if so, the number of US students in India;
- (c) whether it is a fact that 70 per cent of Indian students studying abroad depend on international funding;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the list of major study courses preferred by Indian students studying in US;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any action to offer similar courses on equal footing in India itself in order to stop this brain drain; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per the data for 2009-10, 3884 US students came to India for studying in various higher education institutions, which shows an increase of 44.4 per cent over the previous year.
- (c) & (d): No, Sir. As per the information provided by the Indian Mission in USA, more than 60 per cent of the Indian students going to US for their higher studies depend on their own funds. Indian students are primarily enrolled in engineering, computer science, business management, physical and life sciences in US institutions.
- (e) & (f): 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.