

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

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INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to build and run 21 higher educational institutions in Africa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds released by the Government for the purpose; and
- (c) the extent to which Indian students are likely to be benefitted?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Following the first India-Africa Forum Summit in 2008, India has announced establishment of various capacity building institutions in various countries in Africa. These commitments include the establishment of 4 Pan-African Institutions viz. (i) India Africa Institute of Foreign Trade, (ii) India Africa Diamond Institute, (iii) India Africa Institute of Educational Planning and Administration and (iv) India Africa Institute of Information Technology. Other institutions to be established are 10 Vocational Training Centres and 5 human settlement institutes to support low-cost housing technologies and 2 coal institutions. However, out of the above 21 Institutions only few are higher education institutions like India-Africa Institute of Information Technology and India Africa Institute of Educational Planning and Administration. So far the Ministry of External Affairs have released Rs.72,50,000/- as a Travel Advance to Indian experts to prepare detailed project reports.

(c): The above institutions are meant to enhance the capacity of African countries and to benefit African students.