

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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

- (a) whether the India-UK Round Table Conference on innovation and skill development was held in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed during the said conference;
- (c) the details of issues on which leaders of both the countries have agreed for cooperation; and
- (d) the details of decisions taken by the participants for improving the interface between institutions of higher learning and business?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) : Yes, Sir. The India-UK Round Table Conference on Innovation and Skill Development was held on 20th April 2012 at New Delhi.
- (b) & (c): The Innovation round table discussion focused on roadmap of India and UK on Innovation in education; developing framework for India-UK partnerships; Business University linkages; Innovation clusters; developing multi-partner collaborations and university incubation programmes. The Skills roundtable discussion focused on aspects of employer engagement; Centres of Vocational Excellence; National Vocational Education Qualification Framework, Leadership development and vocationalization of secondary education. Both countries agreed for cooperation in all the above discussed areas.
- (d): Both countries agreed to collaborate in institutionalizing the processes for improving the interface between institutions of higher learning and business in both the Innovation and Skill sectors by knowledge sharing and technology transfer, capacity building, research collaborations, training of trainers and developing pathways for commercialization and engaging the skilled manpower.