

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

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

- (a) whether, similar to Tri-valley University scam, another student visa fraud has been exposed involving California based Herguan University and the University of East-West Medicine in the US;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these universities are likely to lose their Student and Exchange Visitor Programme (SEVP) status which would spell trouble for Indian students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Embassy of India at USA has informed that no formal complaint has been received from any Indian student regarding student visa issue with regard to Herguan University and East West Medicine Universities. However, in both cases, the Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE), the investigative arm of US Department of Homeland Security has notified the intent to withdraw the Student and Exchange Visitor Program Certification (SEVP) and Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) access. As such, both the Universities cannot manage non immigrant students' records. The non immigrant students of both the Universities have been advised by the ICE to contact SEVP response centre.