

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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FDI IN EDUCATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in the education sector during the last three years;
- (b) the number of foreign students who came to India for graduate or a postgraduate degree or diploma during the last three years and their country of origin;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to encourage foreign students for greater diversity and better competition; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a): As per the information by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, the FDI equity inflows in Education Sector, during the last three years is as under :-

Sl No	Year (Apr-Mar)	Rs crore	US\$ million
1	2009-10	300.50	63.35
2	2010-11	173.24	37.94
3	2011-12	510.95	105.62
4	2012-13 (Apr-Aug)	784.90	146.23
Grand Total	1769.59	353.14	

(b): Specific information regarding foreign students studying in different institutions in India is not maintained by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(c)&(d): University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued guidelines for permitting 15 percent supernumerary seats for foreign students including NRIs/PIOs in Universities and colleges. Many programmes have been launched to attract foreign students to Indian institutions which include Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) by Ministry of Human Resource Development; Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children and Know India Programme by Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs; Fellowships and Visitors Programmes by Indian Council for Cultural Relations; Fellowships by Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Indian Council of Social Science Research and Ministry of Science and Technology. Hostel facilities for foreign students are also developed in different educational institutions having a sizeable number of foreign students.