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

- (a) the total number of students studying in foreign countries including Australia and America as on date, country-wise;
- (b) the details of the estimated amount of foreign exchange paid as fee every month by the Indian students to those countries;
- (c) whether the number of Indian students studying in foreign countries especially in America has declined and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Indian universities are lagging behind in terms of quality education and employment and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up such quality Institutes under public-private-partnership (PPP) mode for higher studies in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the comparative details of the Indian and foreign universities in terms of average of provision of employment and available amenities?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): The specific information regarding the number of Indian students studying in foreign countries and the foreign exchange paid by them as fees every month is not maintained by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The actual amount of tuition fees involved depends on the country, course and the University. However, as per information publicly available, the number of Indian students studying in the United States of America and Australia in 2012 is 100270 and 36326 respectively.
- (c): Yes, Sir. There has been a marginal decline of 3.5% (103895 in 2010-11 to 100270 in 2011-12) in the enrolment of Indian students studying in United States of America.
- (d): No, Sir. There is no authentic comparative study available to show that Indian universities are low in quality or employment potential. While it is a fact that Indian Universities do not figure in the top 200 universities in the world as announced by some of the International Ranking Systems, the reasons for this are that these systems use different parameters to rank universities, some of which are not relevant in the Indian context and therefore, cannot constitute the basis for the benchmarking of Indian universities vis-à-vis other universities in the world.
- (e): The Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to establish one model Degree College in each of the 374 identified Educationally Backward Districts (EBD) in the country with GER below the national average. Under this CSS, the States may, if they so choose, identify private not-for-profit participants in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The Government has also decided to set up 20 Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) under the Public Private Partnership mode.
- (f): No comparative details of the Indian and foreign universities are available in relation to the average of provision of employment and amenities.