

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

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MOU BETWEEN INDIAN-NEW ZEALAND EDUCATION COUNCIL

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

- (a) whether Indian-New Zealand Education Council meeting was held in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed during the said meeting;
- (c) whether India and New Zealand have signed any Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs);
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the extent to which higher education, joint research, student mobility, faculty development, etc. between the two countries will boost after the implementation of such MoUs?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The first meeting of the India-New Zealand Education Council (INZEC) was held on 19th October 2012 at New Delhi. During the meeting, issues relating to Joint Research, Student Mobility, Faculty Exchange & Training, Indigenous Studies, Open Educational Resources & Technology Enabled Learning, Vocational Education Framework, Skill Development, Leadership Development & Professional Development for Vocational Education & Training etc were discussed.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. The following MoUs were signed during the INZEC meeting:-

(i) An Educational Partnership Agreement between the University of Delhi, India and the Lincoln University & the Asia-Pacific Football Academy, Lincoln, New Zealand.

(ii) An MoU between the University of Delhi, India and the Massy University New Zealand.

(iii) A Memorandum of Collaboration between the Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU), India and The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand.

(iv) An MoU between the Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi, India and the Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand.

(v) An International Education MoU between the Punjab Technical University, India and the Waiariki Institute of Technology of New Zealand.

(vi) An MoU between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of the Republic of India and the Sport New Zealand of the Government of New Zealand on cooperation in the field of Sports.

The MoUs signed during the INZEC meeting will help in boosting the higher education collaborations between the institutions in both the countries in the field of joint research, student mobility, faculty development, open and distance learning, skill development and the promotion of sports education.