

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) are operating various schemes /projects, for the benefit of students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, schemes-wise;
- (c) the extent to which the students have been benefited, particularly the minorities, along with the funds allocated for the purpose and utilized during the last two years and the current year;
- (d) the details of the accredited centres of NIOS for overseas students; and
- (e) the number of students registered with these centres in different countries?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) conducts examinations for Secondary and Senior Secondary courses and enrolls students under various academic and vocational education programmes. The NIOS is running the following Programmes:

The Senior Secondary programme for students above 15 years of age.

The Secondary programme for students above 14 years of age.

Vocational Education programmes run through Accredited Vocational Institutes (AVIs) for age group 14+.

Open Basic Education for neo-literate adults.

Hunar Projects for Muslim Girls for skill training.

Rural Entrepreneurship Programme (REP).

(c) The number of learners including Minority learners enrolled in NIOS is as under:

Year	Total Learners enrolled	Minority learners enrolled
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2010-11	493091	92185
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2011-12	493534	79693
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The NIOS does not earmark funds specifically for Minorities.

(d)&(e) A list indicating the details of the accredited centres of NIOS for overseas students and the number of students registered with these centres in different countries is given below:

Sl. No.	Country	No. of Accredited Institutions (AIs)	Enrolment (2011-12)
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1 UAE (Abu Dhabi, & Sharjah) 09 559

2 Qatar 03 53

3 Oman (Muscat) 01 94

4 Nepal 04 2240

Total 17 2946