

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

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

- (a) whether any Indian University has established an off-shore campus in other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the locations selected in recent past; and
- (d) the time by which they are likely to be established?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Universities may set up campuses abroad, if so permitted by the relevant Act, under which such university is established. In so far as Institutions 'Deemed to be Universities' are concerned, the guidelines laid down by the University Grants Commission (UGC) for considering proposals for declaring an institution as 'deemed to be university' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 permit such institutions to open academic centre(s) in any foreign country (off-shore campus) after their having obtained the approval of the Government of India and that of the host country. According to the UGC, the following Institutions 'Deemed to be Universities' have approved off-shore campuses:-

| Sr. No. | Name of Institution 'Deemed to be University' | Country where off-shore campus is located |
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| (1) | Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan | United Arab Emirates |
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| (2) | Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi, Jharkhand | Mesra, Oman, Bahrain |
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| (3) | Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, Karnataka | Malaysia, United Arab Emirates and Oman |
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| (4) | Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Salem, Tamil Nadu | Thailand |
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| (5) | Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Mauritius |
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