

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

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN DIVERSE FIELDS

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

(a) whether the Government is reaching out to Myanmar and other countries by offering education and training in the diverse fields in which capacity building is required for the newly emerging countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government so far in this regard, country-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam. The Government is reaching out to Myanmar and other countries by offering education and training in diverse fields for capacity building.

(b) The major initiatives taken up in Myanmar by India include (i) Scholarships under Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme and Technical Cooperation Scheme (TCS) of Colombo Plan with 525 slots in 2013-14; (ii) Scholarships by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) with 26 slots annually; (iii) Training courses for Myanmar diplomats at the Foreign Service Institute of India; (iv) offering police training courses for Myanmar police personnel (v) Ten P C Ray Research Fellowships for Myanmar researchers to conduct research in Indian Universities and (vi) training to the Myanmar Parliamentarians and Parliamentary staff in parliamentary procedures.

India has also set up Myanmar-India Centre for English Language (MICELT), a Myanmar- India Entrepreneurship Development Centre (MIEDC) and an India-Myanmar Centre for Enhancement of IT Skills (IMCEITS) in Myanmar. The India-Myanmar Industrial Training Centres have been set up in Pakokku and Myingyan with the assistance of the Government of India. India has also assisted Myanmar for building 21 schools in Chin State.

As regards the other countries, ITEC Programme is a major initiative of the Government of India under which 8280 slots are allocated to 141 countries (list at Annexure-I). The ICCR also offers scholarships to the students from 120 countries (list at Annexure-II). In addition, Centres of English Language Training (CELT) have also been set up in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) also offers educational programmes in 44 countries (list at Annexure-III).