

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

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SHORTAGE OF QUALITY INSTITUTES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the country is facing shortage of good institutes for higher education which costs the country both in terms of money and skilled manpower ;
- (b) if so,the details thereof;
- (c) the number of students going abroad for higher education;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that India loses about Rs. 48,800 crore in foreign exchange annually due to the outflow of students; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government to prevent the outflow of students and foreign exchange and to enable them higher education in India at cheaper fees?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) : There is no dearth of good institutions of higher education in the country.The Indian Institutes of Technology and Indian Institutes of Management,the University of Delhi,Jawaharlal Nehru University and Calcutta University are some of the institutions recognized the world over for their quality and excellence.

(c) & (e): No separate information is available in respect of Indian students pursuing higher education abroad. There are no restrictions on cross-border student' mobility and such mobility can be owing to a variety of reasons such as affordability, access to bank loans,exposure to foreign societies, aptitude for particular branches of studies, inability to gain admission to top Indian institutions due to capacity limitation etc.Continuous efforts are being made by Government to upgrade the quality of higher educational institutions and faculty.A substantial increase in Plan allocation has been made in the XI Plan for the expansion of higher education, for setting up of institutions such as Central Universities in uncovered States, establishment of Innovation University aiming at World Class Standard, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management,Indian Institutes of Science and Education and Research,Indian Institutes of Information Technology and Schools of Planning and Architecture.Expansion of capacity of the existing institutions,incentivizing State Governments for increasing State outlays on higher education,introduction of semester system faculty improvement programme and other reforms are also being implemented in the XI Plan for improving the quality of higher educational institutes and faculty.The Government also proposes to permit quality foreign educational institutions to enter India,for which a legislative proposal for entry and operation of such foreign educational institutions is under consideration.All these measures are expected to reduce outflow of students abroad.