

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

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EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH USA

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

- (a) whether the Union Minister visited USA for developing partnership with educational institutions of global repute;
- (b) if so,the outcome of his visit;
- (c) whether the Minister also had meeting and discussions with the Members of US administration, University officials and industry representatives to build up education partnership with USA; and
- (d) if so,the outcome of the meetings?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): Yes,Sir.Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development,Government of India visited United States of America (USA) during October 25-31,2009 along with a delegation comprising of officials/academicians.The Minister held discussions with his counterpart,US Secretary of Education Mr. Arne Duncan and visited some top Universities/Institutions of global repute in USA.The Minister also held discussions with representatives of US-India Business Council.The meetings were fruitful in identifying areas of mutual interest for cooperation and furthering various initiatives for collaboration and institutional linkages in the field of higher education between the two countries.The discussions during this visit also helped in finalizing the "Obama- Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative" which was launched on 24th November 2009 during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister to USA.