

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

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

- (a) whether this Ministry and UNESCO propose to start an Institute for Peace Studies and sustainable development in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its locations;
- (c) whether this Institute will co-ordinate with other institutes in Asia Pacific regions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The General Conference of UNESCO in its recently concluded 35th Session authorised its Director General to negotiate and prepare in collaboration with the Government of India the Seat Agreement and the Operational Agreement and to sign these agreements for establishment of Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace & Sustainable Development as a Category-I Institute of UNESCO at New Delhi for promoting teaching, research and capacity building activities in peace education. The overall focus of the activities of this Institute will be on fostering a culture of peace through education, promoting sustainable economic and social development and respect for human rights. The Institute will coordinate with other Institutes especially in Asia Pacific region in furtherance of its objectives.