

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

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TIE UP WITH US
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to tie up with the United States (US) in Educational Sector;
- (b) if so, whether any discussions were held with the US authorities during the visit of the US President to India recently; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) : Yes, Madam.

(c) : During the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to the United States (U.S.) in September 2014 and subsequently during the discussions in the India-U.S. Higher Education Dialogue held in New Delhi in November 2014, India and the U.S. have agreed to cooperate in various initiatives in the Higher Education sector. A Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) has also been signed between the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in January, 2015 for providing support to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), initially IIT Gandhinagar. As outlined in the Joint Statement issued on January 25, 2015 during the visit of U.S. President to India, both countries welcomed ongoing initiatives like the India-U.S. Higher Education Dialogue and the JDI signed for development of IITs. The two countries also decided to collaborate through India's Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) programme, to facilitate short-term teaching and research programmes by up to 1000 visiting U.S. academics in Indian Universities.