

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORT TERM TEACHING UNDER GIAN

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning an attractive package for more than 1000 scholars from the United States who will come to India for short term teaching under the Global Initiative of Academic Network (GIAN);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose behind the move;
- (c) whether the Government has expanded the scope of GIAN which was conceived earlier;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes a proper system of checks and balances so that GIAN does not turn into a club of self serving academics who end up inviting friends and relatives from US and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Union Cabinet approved signing of Joint Declaration of Intent between Ministry of Human Resource Development and Science Foundation of United States of America concerning cooperation in the field of Higher Education for implementation of the Global Initiatives of Academic Networks (GIAN) Programme. The purpose behind the GIAN programme is to ensure high quality standards in the process of enlarging the educational system for science, engineering and technology in the country.

(c) to (e): Several issues connected with this matter are under consideration in the Ministry.