

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

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Collaboration with Foreign Educational Institutions  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to enhance collaboration with foreign educational institutions to develop Indian villages for the benefit of village graduate students; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government so far in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued the Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions Regulation, 2012 and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has issued the Regulations for Entry and Operation of Foreign Universities / Institutions Imparting Technical Education in India, 2003. These regulations provide a framework for Indian higher educational institutions to enter into academic collaborations with foreign educational institutions. And while they are not specifically targeted towards development of Indian villages etc., some of the collaborations do have direct/indirect benefits for the Indian villages and village graduates.

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