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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a large number of Indian students are opting for higher education in various foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the quality, research and innovation in educational institutions in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Seeking higher education in foreign countries is a matter of individual choice and preference. While Government is aware of large number of Indian students studying in foreign educational institutions, details of such students are not centrally maintained.

(c): The Government is fully aware of the huge demand for higher education opportunities and a host of reforms have been initiated by this Ministry for meeting this demand, especially through establishing a number of new institutions and causing reforms in existing ones, including in the spheres of innovation, governance, academic, research, accreditation and regulatory matters.