

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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OIFC Business Meet

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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre (OIFC) in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has launched its India Corporate Internship initiative at the OIFC Indian Diaspora Business Meet in Los Angeles recently;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the number of corporates who participated in this meet to offer short term paid internship to students of Indian Origin from top international universities;
- (d) the number of students selected for this purpose and the time by which the internship will start for the students; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide opportunities for the Indian Diaspora students?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS  
GENERAL V.K. SINGH (RETD.)

(a) & (b): The India Corporate Internship Programme has been taken up through the Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre (OIFC), a Public Private Partnership initiative set up in 2007 between this Ministry and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

The programme provides an opportunity for Indian Origin/ Non Resident Indian students pursuing Post Graduate programmes outside India in Management/ Engineering/ Science & Technology, to avail paid short term internships at Indian corporates. Internships will be for a period of two to six months. The details of this Programme were presented during OIFC's Indian Diaspora Business Meet held in Los Angeles recently.

(c): 23 companies have so far confirmed participation in the internship programme.

(d) OIFC is presently receiving applications for the Internships, which is scheduled to commence from Summer 2016.

(e) Ministry has been organizing 'Study India Programme' (SIP) since 2012. 'Study India Programme' enables youth of Indian Origin to enrol in a short term course in an Indian University to familiarize them with the history, heritage, art, culture, socio-political, economic developments etc. of India. Three Study India Programmes have been organized so far.

Ministry launched the 'Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC)' in 2006-07, under which 100 scholarships are granted every year to young students of Indian Origin and Non-Resident Indian students for studying in India. The scheme is open to Non-Resident Indian/ People of Indian Origin/ Overseas Citizen of India from 40 countries with substantial Indian Diaspora population. A total of 760 candidates have availed the scholarship since inception of the scheme.