

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:101
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Ranking of Universities
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the ranking of Indian Universities in the field of Engineering, Medical Science, Technology etc. in the Higher Education World Ranking 2015-16, released recently;
- (b) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the Indian students are facing difficulties to compete with the students of foreign Universities in higher studies and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the standard of education system in various fields in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SH. PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 101 FOR 25.07.2016 ASKED BY SHRI S. RAJENDRAN REGARDING RANKING OF UNIVERSITIES
- (a): The Times Higher Education World University Rankings for the academic year 2015-16 has listed 17 Indian Universities in the top 800 institutes. The details are at Annexure – 1.
- (b): It has been the endeavour of the Government to further improve the quality of Higher Education in the country so that the premier Indian institutions compete at par with World's top institutes.
- (c): Indian students have done well in the foreign universities due to their hard work and the ability to innovate.
- (d): Improving the quality of education across all levels is well recognized and is a continuous and ongoing process. Various schemes, namely, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Global Initiative for Academics Network (GIAN), Impacting Research, Innovation & Technology (IMPRINT), Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP), Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT) Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), National Digital Library, campus connect programme, Uchchatar Avishkar Abhiyan, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan are being implemented to improve the quality of higher education in the country. A number of initiatives are also undertaken by UGC and AICTE for quality improvement in higher and technical education. With a view to improving the competitiveness of the higher educational institutions, the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has been launched on September 29, 2015. The first India Rankings 2016 have been announced on 04.04.2016 and are available at <https://www.nirfindia.org/Home>.
