

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5098  
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KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the students of various countries visited IGNOU under the Know India Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, country, year-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to attract more number of students from abroad to make this programme beneficial and successful; and
- (d) the funds allocated and spent for this programme so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The Know India Programme (KIP) participants visited Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) during 19th and 28th KIP programme. The country-wise details of KIP participants during last three years and current year who visited IGNOU are stated below:

KIP Edition	Date	Participants and country
19th KIP	21.12.2011 to 10.01.2012	37 youths of Indian origin from 10 countries including Mauritius, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, South Africa, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Kenya, Israel and Australia visited IGNOU, Delhi on 30.12.2011 and met the Vice Chancellor.
28th KIP	9th June, 2014 to 30th June, 2014	39 overseas youth participants from 10 countries namely Fiji, Israel, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Netherlands, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago took part in this programme and visited IGNOU.

(c) Know India Programme is a highly successful programme run by the Ministry and it attracts a large number of overseas youth. Wide publicity is given to this programme through Indian Missions/Posts abroad to enable overseas Indian youths to apply for the same. A total of 866 overseas youths have participated in 28 editions of Know India programme conducted so far.

(d) The fund allocated and spent for KIP during the last five years is stated below:

Rupees in Lakh		
Year made	Financial Allocation	Expenditure
2009-10	125	56.14
2010-11	144	87.05
2011-12	160	92.53
2012-13	145	131.00
2013-14	210	197.07
Total	784.00	563.79