

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ITEC PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme run by India;
- (b) whether the number of ITEC programme slots being offered by India to other countries has increased over the years;
- (c) if so, the details of the number of slots offered and availed by each country over the last three years, country-wise; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated to the ITEC training programmes during the above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. RETD. V.K. SINGH)

(a) The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme is aimed at capacity building, skill development, transfer of technology and sharing of experiences with the partner countries. It forms an important component of India's development partnership and cooperation with the developing world.

(b) Yes. Over the years, there has been an increase in the number of slots offered under the ITEC Programme.

(c) The total number of slots offered to ITEC partner countries during the last three years is as under :

Financial Year	No. of Slots
2011-12	6161
2012-13	7655
2013-14	8115

(d) The funds allocated to the ITEC training programmes during the last three years is as under :

Rs. in crores	
Financial year	Allocation
2011-12	120.00
2012-13	120.00
2013-14	140.00