

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

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

- (a) whether India and the United States have agreed to establish the Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has worked out any plan for the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): During the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to the United States of America in September 2014 and subsequently during the discussions in the India-U.S. Higher Education Dialogue held in New Delhi in November 2014, India and the United States of America have agreed to cooperate on Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) programme, wherein the United States of America has offered to facilitate engagement of U.S. academics in Indian Institutions on short term basis. Both sides are working out further modalities for the above cooperation initiative.