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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Education Cooperation with UAE

154. **Shri Dhairyasheel Sambhajirao Mane:**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with United Arab Emirates (UAE) to strengthen existing educational cooperation between the two countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open an office of Central Board of Secondary Education in Dubai to provide support to CBSE affiliated Indian schools functioning in UAE;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the details of work done in this regard;
- (e) whether a Joint Working Group has been set up by the Government from both the countries for continuous work in the field of education, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government for further expansion of cooperation between two countries in the field of education as one of the strongest pillars of bilateral ties?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Government of the United Arab Emirates(UAE) and Government of the Republic of India in the field of education was signed in November 2023.

(b): The areas of cooperation under this MoU include exchange of information and best practices in field of general and higher education, National Qualifications Framework, Capacity Development of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) teaching staff, academic collaboration between Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in both the countries for offering Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes.

(c) and (d): As approved in Governing Body meeting of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) dated 14.06.2023, a committee was appointed by CBSE to assess the viability of setting up an offshore regional office aimed at strengthening coordination with approximately 200 CBSE schools in UAE. Presently, the committee is actively engaged in outlining the specifics for the establishment of this international regional office.

(e) The Government-to-Government MoU for cooperation in the field of education, signed between UAE and India includes a provision for a Joint Working Group (JWG). The proposed JWG will provide an Institutional platform to address all matters pertaining to education including recognition and equivalence of degrees and skill development with UAE.

(f): A team led by Chairman, National Educational Technology Forum (NETF) and representatives from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), University Grants Commission (UGC), National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), National Board of Accreditation/National Institutional Ranking Framework (NBA/NIRF), Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education visited UAE in September 2023 and discussed issues of recognition and equivalence of degrees (including Medical degrees) with the concerned stakeholders in UAE.

An MoU has also been signed between Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi and Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (United Arab Emirates), on 15.07.2023, for setting up of campus of IIT Delhi in Abu Dhabi.
