

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2921  
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND U.K. IN EDUCATION SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the UK Prime Minister during his recent visit to New Delhi announced an education initiative for which the UK Government had committed 10 million and added that he expected further involvement of private sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent of Government and private sector involvement expected therein; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The UK Prime Minister has announced a Â£ 10 million fund over the next 5 years with an expectation of support from the Business Community. The scheme, known as the UK/India Education Initiative, will support scholarships, provide awards for doctoral research, and encourage collaboration between centers of excellence in science and technology. The Initiative is in formulation state.

(c) : The UK Government has earmarked a Â£ 10 million package in this regard. It is expected that there will be additional contributions from the business community.

(d) : The Government expects to work closely with the UK/India Education Initiative.