

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1839  
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2006  
AGREEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR  
Kaushal Shri Raghuvir Singh

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

- (a) whether India has bilateral relations with other countries to fulfill the present needs of Higher Education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the country-wise details of such bilateral agreements signed during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has signed bilateral agreements for enhancing the quality and efficiency of Indian Universities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and thereafter?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) and (b): Yes, sir. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) / Educational Exchange Programme (EEP) with several countries which provide for collaboration between India and those countries in the Education sector including the Higher Education sector. Such Agreements, meant for co-operation in the field of education in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit, inter alia provide for:

- (a) Exchange of scholars, teachers, researchers and experts;
- (b) Organization of training programmes for teaching professionals,
- (c) Facilitating mutual recognition of educational qualifications;
- (d) Exchange of academic scholarships for further education
- (e) Exchange of documented materials, publications, etc.
- (f) Organization of seminars, lectures, symposia etc.
- (g) Promotion of languages of both countries.

(c): A list of countries with which the Ministry of Human Resource Development has signed bilateral agreements for cooperation in the field of education is at Annexure.

(d): The bilateral agreements on cooperation in the field of education between India and the respective countries provide for encouraging the development of contacts, cooperation and direct exchanges between the educational institutions of the two Governments, based on their respective academic and educational needs. The aim is to facilitate specific arrangements between higher education institutions in the two countries on the basis of and within the provisions of such bilateral agreements. The Government of India provides financial assistance to Indian Universities to bring in such arrangements, but the role of the Government is limited to that of a facilitator recognizing the autonomy of its higher education institutions.

(e): Does not arise.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (C) OF THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1839 ASKED BY SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH KOSHAL REGARDING AGREEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2006

LIST OF COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT HAS SIGNED EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (EEP) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

S1. NAME OF THE Date of signing Date of  
 No. COUNTRY EEP/MOU expiry of  
 initial period

No.	COUNTRY	EEP/MOU	Date of signing	Date of expiry of initial period
1.	MONGOLIA		09.07.2002 (EEP)	08.07.2007
2.	ARMENIA		03.10.2002 (EEP)	02.10.2007
3.	TANZANIA		27.04.2003 (EEP)	26.04.2008
4.	GUYANA		25.08.2003 (EEP)	24.08.2008
5.	ISREAL		09.09.2003 (EEP)	08.09.2008
6.	AUSTRALIA		23.10.2003 (EEP)	22.10.2008
7.	MYANMAR		02.11.2003 (MOU)	Not specified
8.	HUNGARY		03.11.2003 (EEP)	02.11.2008
9.	SYRIA		15.11.2003 (EEP)	14.11.2008
10.	UZBEKISTAN		05.04.2005 (EEP)	04.04.2010
11.	NEW ZEALAND		19.04.2005 (EEP)	18.04.2010
12.	THAILAND		03.06.2005 (MOU)	02.06.2010
13.	SRI LANKA		10.06.2005 (EEP)	09.06.2010
14.	MEXICO		21.10.2005 (EEP)	20.10.2010
15.	BRAZIL		01.02.2006 (EEP)	31.01.2011
16.	AFGHANISTAN		10.04.2006 (MOU)	09.04.2011
17.	CROATIA		19.04.2006 (EEP)	18.04.2011
18.	ECUADOR		18.07.2006 (EEP)	17.07.2011
19.	RWANDA		25.07.2006 (EEP)	24.07.2011
20.	SOUTH AFRICA		02.10.2006 (MOU)	01.10.2011
21.	SAUDI ARABIA		06.11.2006 (MOU)	05.11.2011
22.	CHINA		21.11.2006 (EEP)	20.11.2011