

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

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STUDENTS GOING ABROAD

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

- (a) the total number of students going to foreign countries for education under the collaboration arrangements of the Ministry with various countries;
- (b) the estimated reduction in the number of such students after the opening of foreign educational institutions in the country; and
- (c) the number of foreign students arrived in the country for higher education during the last three years under these programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 102 FOR 06TH MARCH 2007 ASKED BY SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY AND SHRI KAILASH NATH SINGH YADAV REGARDING 'STUDENTS GOING ABROAD'.

(a) to (c): Government, in the Ministry of Human Resource Development has entered into Educational Exchange Programmes with 24 countries (Annexure-I). These serve to encourage inter-institutional linkages, the holding of workshops and seminars and the exchange of good practices. The Educational Exchange Programmes encourage inter-institutional links that may also allow for teacher and student movement but information is not collected of the number of students going to foreign countries, or of foreign students coming to India, to take part in activities so facilitated.

Some information is available on the total number of Indian students going abroad for education. In the year 1999-2000, it is estimated that 51,414 Indian students went abroad for education. This figure increased to 1,40,000 in the year 2004-05 of which 80,446 went to United States of America, 20,000 to Australia and 16,685 to the United Kingdom. As per information available regarding foreign students coming to India for higher education, the numbers in the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 were 9,215, 10,396 and 11,934 respectively.

No foreign educational institution has established any campus in India and there is no evidence that there has been any reduction in the number of students going abroad for education.