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Higher education in abroad by Indian students

1618. **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian students who went abroad for higher education from the year 2019, year-wise and State-wise; and
(b) the details about the number of students who wish to pursue a master's degree from abroad coming from the lower income groups in India?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs maintains departure and arrival data of Indians. But there is no index of Indian students going abroad for higher education purpose. Purpose of Indians for going abroad is captured manually based either on their verbal disclosure or the type of visa of the destination country produced by them at the time of according immigration clearance and state-wise data is not maintained. The number of Indians, who disclosed their purpose of visit as Study/Education while going abroad from 2019 to 2022, is given below:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number	5,86,337	2,59,655	4,44,553	7,50,365

There is also no such data maintained by the Ministry regarding students who wish to pursue a master's degree from abroad and coming from the lower income groups in India.
