

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STEM courses

1619. **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the highest number of Indians wish to go abroad to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) courses and if so, the ratio of the same as compared to other courses; and
- (b) whether Central Government is having any proposal to open international avenues for Indian students and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): 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. 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

Course-wise break-up of Indian students going abroad is not available as there is no such data maintained by the Ministry.

(b): To open international avenues for Indian students, University Grants Commission (UGC) has drafted enabling Regulations to facilitate the establishment of campuses of

Foreign Higher Institutions (FHEIs) in India. The draft University Grants Commission (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023 has been placed in the public domain seeking feedback suggestions, comments from all the stakeholders. The draft Regulations are available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9214094_Draft-Setting-up-and-Operation-of-Campuses-of-Foreign-Higher-Educational-Institutions-in-India-Regulations-2023.pdf

Apart from the above, as announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister in the Union Budget 2022-23, World-Class Foreign Universities and Institutions have been allowed in the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) to offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics free from domestic regulations, except those by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA). Foreign Universities and Institutions can set up their Branch Campuses in GIFT City as per the criteria and standards laid down in the IFSCA (Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campuses and Offshore Education Centres) Regulations, 2022. The Regulations are available at <https://ifsca.gov.in/Viewer/Index/352>

In addition to the above, University Grants Commission has also notified University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022 to facilitate international collaboration with Foreign Higher Educational Institutions. The copy of the regulations is available at: https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4555806_UGC-Acad-Collab-Regulations.pdf
