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Proposals from foreign universities for setting offshore campuses

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received applications/proposals from foreign universities for setting up their offshore campuses in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and what are the criteria fixed in the interest of affordable and quality education for the Indian students; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to assess applications/proposals of foreign universities?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): 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 is available on 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 per announcement in the Union Budget 2022-23, World-Class Foreign Universities and Institutions will be 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 is available on <https://ifsc.gov.in/Viewer/Index/352>. Two Universities from Australia have submitted proposals for setting up their campus in India.
