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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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POLICY ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY

691 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by Government to facilitate the youths in shaping their future through concrete policies on education in the country, the details thereof;
- (b) the efforts made by Government to make the country, especially the State of Rajasthan, self-sufficient in the field of higher education;
- (c) the efforts made or being made by Government to make the country a hub of knowledge in the wake of brain drain from the entire country; and
- (d) the number of Indian students moving abroad for higher education during the last two years, country-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 has been brought out duly analyzing the existing system and suggesting way forward to address the challenges. The Policy lays particular emphasis on the development of the creative potential of each individual. It is based on the principle that education must develop not only cognitive capacities - both the 'foundational capacities' of literacy and numeracy and 'higher-order' cognitive capacities, such as critical thinking and problem solving – but also social, ethical, and emotional capacities and dispositions.

Accordingly, various initiatives / reforms have been introduced in higher education. These, inter-alia, include the University Grants Commission (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulations; Guidelines for Multiple Entry and Exit in Academic Programmes offered in the HEIs; Guidelines for Transforming Higher Education Institutions into Multidisciplinary Institutions; Guidelines for pursuing two Academic Programmes simultaneously; formulation of the National Credit Framework (NCrF).

The Central University of Rajasthan, Ajmer; Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur and Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kota are functioning under the Central Government in the State of Rajasthan. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), an amount of ₹313.17 crores has also been released as Central share under various components to the State of Rajasthan since inception, for improvement of public funded State Universities.

(c): The NEP, 2020 also lays emphasis on internationalization of higher education and promotes India as 'global study destination' providing premium education at affordable cost. It has envisioned that "top universities in the world will be facilitated to operate in India." Accordingly as announced by Hon'ble Finance Minister in the Budget Proposal 2022-23, world-class foreign universities and institutions have been permitted in the GIFT City, Gujarat (Gujarat International Finance Tec-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) to facilitate availability of high-end human resources for financial services and technology. Setting up of such foreign University/ Institutions in GIFT IFSC will help in the retention of the talent pool in the country and facilitate availability of high-end human resources for financial services and technology.

Further, the UGC (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022 have been notified to facilitate international collaboration with Foreign Higher Educational Institutions.

(d): The 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 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 during 2021 and 2022 are 4,44,553 and 7,50,365 respectively.
