

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 33
ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

Foreign Universities Campuses in the country

33. Dr. K. Laxman:

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to open campuses of Foreign Universities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 33 FOR REPLY ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING “FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES CAMPUSES IN THE COUNTRY” ASKED BY DR K LAXMAN:

(a)-(c): Internationalization of education is one of the key priorities under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. To promote internationalization, NEP 2020 states that high performing Indian universities will be encouraged to set up campuses in countries abroad, and similarly, top universities in the world will be facilitated to operate in India.

The Hon’ble Finance Minister in the Union Budget 2022-23 announced that world-class Foreign Universities and Institutions will be allowed in the Gujarat International Finance Tech-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 the website of IFSCA. Deakin University and University of Wollongong from Australia have received in-principle approval from IFSCA to establish their campus in GIFT City.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has also issued enabling Regulations to facilitate the establishment of campuses of Foreign Higher Institutions (FHEIs) in India. The UGC (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations 2023 have been issued on 08.11.2023. The Regulations is available on the website of UGC. Eligible Foreign Higher Educational Institutions desiring to set up their campuses in India may apply on the Registration Portal <https://fhei.ugc.ac.in>. The portal was opened on 09.11.2023 after the gazette notification of the regulations.
