

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
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AFFORDABLE AND HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION FOR INDIAN STUDENTS

1962 # SMT. KANTA KARDAM:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received proposals from foreign Universities for setting up campuses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of these proposals and the criteria for guaranteeing affordable and high quality education to Indian students; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to assess these proposals received from foreign Universities?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): In the Union Budget 2022-23 it was 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. Deakin University and University of Wollongong from Australia have received in principle approval from IFSCA to establish their campus in GIFT City.

Further, to facilitate the entry of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) in India for providing an international dimension to higher education, enabling Indian students to obtain foreign qualifications at affordable cost and making India an attractive global study destination, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023 dated 07.11.2023. The eligibility and procedure for approval for the FHEIs intending to establish campus in India is also specified in these Regulations which are available at <https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/Setting%20up%20and%20Operation%20of%20Campuses%20of%20Foreign%20Higher%20Educational%20Institutions%20in%20India.pdf> .
