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RAJYA SABHA
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Foreign University

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government received applications from foreign Universities to establish campuses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of these applications and the criteria in place to guarantee affordable and high-quality education for Indian students; and
- (c) the actions taken by Government to assess these applications from foreign Universities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a)to(c): Yes Sir, University Grants Commission (UGC) has received applications from Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) on its portal, for establishing campuses in the country. UGC has in November, 2023 notified Regulations for Setting up and Operation of Campuses of FHEIs in India (copy of regulations available at <https://fhei.ugc.ac.in/Downloads/Regulations.pdf>). Based on the recommendations of the Commission, a Standing Committee has been constituted to examine the matters relating to the Setting up and operation of campuses of FHEIs in India. As per the UGC regulations, the Standing Committee is responsible to assess each application to be received on merit, including the credibility of the educational institutions, the programmes to be offered, their potential to strengthen educational opportunities in India and the proposed academic infrastructure, and make recommendations thereof.

Further, World-Class Foreign Universities and Institutions have been allowed to establish their campus in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) and offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Foreign Universities and Institutions can set up their Branch Campuses in GIFT City as per the criteria and standards laid down in the International Financial Services Centers Authority (Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campuses and Offshore Education Centers) Regulations, 2022, issued in October, 2022. The regulations are available at <https://ifsc.gov.in/Document/Legal/ifsc-ibc-and-oec-regulations-202213102022113639.pdf> Two universities i.e. Deakin University and University of Wollongong from Australia have established their campus in GIFT City.
