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TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/12/2024

International Collaboration in Higher Education

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

- (a) the details of Government's efforts to promote international collaboration in higher education, including partnerships with foreign Universities and research institutions;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the University of Southampton has been granted permission to establish a campus in India in 2025, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of guidelines to integrate the international university campuses into the existing higher education framework in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) was framed and approved by the Government of India to transform and improve the quality of education in the country. One of the key aspects of NEP 2020 is "Internationalisation of Education", which aims to promote and share best academic & research practices through interactions among diverse education systems.

With an aim to provide a robust framework for integration of foreign academics into Indian higher education system, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued "UGC (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations 2023" to facilitate the establishment of branch campuses of Foreign Higher Institutions (FHEIs) in India. Under these regulations, UGC has granted in-principle approval and Letter of Intent to the University of Southampton, Southampton, United Kingdom to establish a branch campus in India.

UGC has also issued "UGC (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2021", which allows students to do parts of their programmes from both Indian and

foreign universities leading to academic and research excellence, as well as mobility of students and faculty.

Further, International Financial Services Centres Authority (Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campuses and Offshore Education Centres) Regulations, 2022 have been issued to facilitate the establishment of campuses of world-class foreign universities in GIFT City, Gujarat. Under these regulations, two Australian universities namely, Deakin University and University of Wollongong have established offshore branch campuses in GIFT City.
