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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the ratio of students from member countries in the South Asian University;
- (b) the number of international students enrolled, at present and the measures taken to ensure diversity of students after increasing the number of seats and the data for the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the number of faculty members who resigned or left the institute during the last one year; and
- (d) the number of faculty members from the member countries, at present and the manner in which the new posts of professors are being filled and the criteria that is being adopted to ensure this?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) As per the South Asian University (SAU) laws, the ratio of the students from member countries in the South Asian University is enclosed at Annexure I.

(b) As informed by SAU, the number of international students enrolled, at present is enclosed at Annexure II.

As informed by SAU, it has taken various measures to ensure diversity of students including widespread outreach and dissemination of information through multiple channels, flexible admission policies, comprehensive scholarship programs, online degree and certificate programs through SAU virtual campus and wide range of diverse and expanded courses.

The data of the international students enrolled for the last three years, year-wise is at Annexure III.

(c) Number of faculty members who resigned or left the institute during the last one year: 6

(d) The number of faculty members from the member countries, at present in the University is enclosed at Annexure IV.

As informed by SAU, the posts of the faculty are filled as per the Rules, Regulations and Byelaws, as approved by the Governing Board, of the University. Accordingly, the University advertises in all member countries inviting applications from qualified and experienced individuals for these recruitments. The applications are shortlisted through a Screening Committee. A Selection Committee interviews and recommends candidates to whom the offers are made in the order of merit.

ANNEXURE I

Ratio of the students from member countries in the South Asian University

Country	Percentage
Afghanistan	4%
Bangladesh	10%
Bhutan	4%
India	50%
Maldives	4%
Nepal	4%
Pakistan	10%
Sri Lanka	4%
Others	10%

Number of international students enrolled at present in South Asian University

Country	No. of students enrolled at present
Afghanistan	25
Bangladesh	60
Bhutan	21
Nepal	55
Pakistan	3
Sri Lanka	9

ANNEXURE III**Number of International students enrolled for the last three years in the South Asian University**

Country	2022	2023	2024
Afghanistan	42	2	10
Bangladesh	20	12	23
Bhutan	20	6	12
Maldives	0	0	0
Nepal	11	12	25
Pakistan	6	0	0
Sri Lanka	8	4	3

Number of faculty members from the member states at present in the South Asian University

Country	Number of faculty members
Afghanistan	0
Bangladesh	2
Bhutan	0
India	47
Maldives	0
Nepal	4
Pakistan	0
Sri Lanka	1
Total	54
