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Foreign Universities Campuses in India

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

- (a) whether the guidelines for setting up foreign university campuses in the country have been finalized, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any foreign university has shown interest in setting up campuses in the country, and if so, the details along with identified locations and timelines for commencement;
- (c) whether any foreign university has expressed interest in establishing campuses in Odisha;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to set up a School of International Relations in reputed universities in Odisha; and
- (e) whether there is any plan to establish a School of Foreign Languages in prominent State Universities in Odisha?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): 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.

In alignment with the vision of NEP 2020, 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 Educational Institutions (FHEIs) in India. The UGC had issued Letter of Intent to the University of Southampton (UoS), United Kingdom (UK) to set up its campus at Gurugram, Haryana.

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. Two Australian universities have already established its campuses in the GIFT City, Gujarat. Deakin University from Australia has opened its campus in January, 2024 and its first

batch has commenced on 3rd July, 2024. University of Wollongong established its campus in November, 2024.

Education is in the concurrent list of seventh schedule of Indian constitution. Government of India provides financial support to State Governments under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)/ Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USA) scheme under three components namely, “Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select State Universities”, “Infrastructure Grants to Universities” and “Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU)” for improvement in Higher Education. RUSA Scheme aims to improve the overall quality of existing state higher educational institutions by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards. Government of India has released 34.58 Crore to Odisha under RUSA scheme in last three years.
