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Permission to foreign universities for establishment of campuses

3085 **Shri A. D. Singh:**

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

- a) the total number of foreign universities granted permission or Letters of Intent (LoI) to establish branch campuses in the country to date and how many are currently in the pipeline awaiting approval;
- b) the names and proposed locations of these institutions, including those already operational and those under evaluation;
- c) whether the geographical spread of these campuses aligns with Government's objective of equitable access across regions; and
- d) what measures have been taken to encourage uniform distribution of such institutions beyond major metropolitan hubs to benefit students in tier-2 and tier-3 cities?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) have been permitted to establish their campuses in India under:

- (i) the (UGC) University Grants Commission (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023, and
- (ii) the International Financial Services Centers Authority (Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campuses and Offshore Education Centers) Regulations, 2022.

University Grant Commission (UGC) has issued 12 Letters of Intent (LoI) to FHEIs. The names and locations of these institutions are as under:

#	Name of University which received LOI	Location
1	University of Southampton, United Kingdom (Operational)	Gurugram
2	Victoria University, Australia	Delhi NCR
3	Western Sydney University, Australia	Greater Noida
4	University of Liverpool, United Kingdom	Bengaluru
5	La Trobe University, Australia	Bengaluru
6	University of York, United Kingdom	Mumbai

7	University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom	Mumbai
8	University of Bristol, United Kingdom	Mumbai
9	IED Istituto Europeo di Design, Italy	Mumbai
10	Illinois Institute of Technology, USA	Mumbai
11	Western Australia University, Australia	Mumbai
12	Western Australia University, Australia	Chennai

Two applications for establishment of FHEI campus are under process in UGC.

Four foreign universities have been registered by IFSCA to operate Branch Campuses in GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Details of the universities are as follows:

1. Deakin University (Australia)
2. University of Wollongong (Australia)
3. Queen's University of Belfast (Ireland)
4. Coventry University (United Kingdom)

One application is under evaluation by IFSCA.

The UGC regulations define 'campus' as 'a campus set up in India'. Further, selection of site for opening of campus in India is a matter of choice of the respective FHEI. IFSCA Regulations allow operating campuses within the GIFT City SEZ, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
