

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1425  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

**SCHOLARSHIP TO AFRICAN STUDENTS**

**†1425. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":**

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

- (a) the total number of scholarships provided by the Government in the field of higher education to students of various African Countries with a view to enhancing cooperation with them;**
- (b) whether the Government is extending cooperation to these nations in Skill Development;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open cultural centres in African and other countries; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]**

- (a) ICCR provides 900 scholarship slots annually to the students of African countries in the field of higher education with a view to enhancing cooperation with them.**
- (b) & (c) Under Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC), various short and medium training programmes are offered to working professionals of partner countries for their capacity building and skill development. For the countries of African Continent and Africa related multilateral agencies, around 5000 such slots are being offered annually.**
- (d) & (e) At present, proposals to open cultural centres at Washington, Paris, Buenos Aires, Lagos, Toronto, Singapore and Tel Aviv are being processed.**

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