

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2726
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

Higher Educational Institutions

2726. SHRI B.N. HANDRAPPA:

SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)** whether the Government is aware that no Indian university figures prominently in global education rankings and if so, the details thereof;
- (b)** whether the Government has taken any steps to enter into an agreement with other countries to exchange the ideas in the field of education and if so, the efforts being made by the Government in this regard;
- (c)** whether the number of Indians studying in the US and other foreign countries are doubled in the recent years and if so, the details thereof, country-wise during the last three years;
- (d)** whether the Government is taking any steps to upgrade public and private universities that can be categorized as “world class” or an “institute of eminence”; and
- (e)** if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) : As per the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings, 2018, eight (8) Indian Institutions have found place in the top-500 World Universities. The IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi have broken into the top-200 global best universities.

(b) : Government of India has taken the following steps to exchange ideas in the field of Education with other countries:

- i. 'Global Initiative of Academic Networks' (GIAN) - aimed at tapping the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs, internationally to encourage their engagement with the institutes of Higher Education in India.
- ii. 'Study in India' campaign – to attract foreign students
- iii. 'Visiting Advanced Joint Research' (VAJRA) Faculty Scheme - to attract more foreign faculty to teach in India.

(c) : An estimated number of Indian students currently studying abroad as on 28 December 2017 is 5,86,183. However, country wise/year wise data is not available.

(d) & (e): Government has started a scheme called 'Institutions of Eminence' in which 20 institutions would be selected on challenge method and they would be actively supported to come up in the global rankings. The regulations and the guidelines in this regard have been issued by the UGC. Under the scheme, each public institution to be selected as 'Institution of Eminence' will get financial assistance of up to Rs. 1000 Crore over a period of five years.
