

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †380  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018

**Number of Students going Abroad**

†380. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the number of students going abroad for higher education has increased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has analysed the reasons behind this tendency; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
**(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) and (b): Studies abroad is a matter of individual will and choice. Even though Ministry of Human Resource Development is not maintaining the information regarding the number of Indian students going abroad, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has informed that around 5,86,183 (estimated) Indian students are currently studying in different foreign countries as on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. The year-wise break-up of number of students studying in foreign countries is not available. However, country-wise break-up of number of Indian students studying in 91 foreign countries as has been prepared by MEA on the basis of information collected and collated from different Indian Missions and Posts is **annexed**.

(c) and (d): There are no restrictions on Cross-Border Students Mobility and such mobility can be owing to variety of reasons such as affordability, access to bank loans,

exposure to foreign societies, aptitude for particular branch of studies, inability to gain admission to top Indian Institutes due to capacity limitations etc.

The Central Government, University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) are taking various initiatives to improve quality of higher education in the country. One of the latest initiatives is the declaration of Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence (IoE) to provide world class education to the Indian Students within the country. The Government has approved the Regulatory Architecture in the form of UGC(Declaration of Government Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017 for public Institutions and UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 for private Institutions for setting up / upgrading of 20 Institutions (10 from public sector & 10 from private sector) as world class teaching and research institutions known as Institutions of Eminence for which applications have been received. These Institutions will provide world class education to Indian Students at an affordable rate, which may bring down the number of students going abroad.

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**Annexure**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. †380 for answer on 05.02.2018 regarding Number of Students going Abroad asked by SHRI HARI MANJHI, Hon'ble Member of Lok Sabha

**Indian Students abroad**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>List of estimated Indian students pursuing studies in foreign Universities</b> (based on inputs received from Indian Missions/Posts abroad as on 28.12.2017)	
1	Antigua & Barbuda	40
2	Armenia	1100
3	Australia	84010
4	Austria	300
5	Azerbaijan	15
6	Bahrain	27200
7	Bangladesh	3610
8	Belarus	461
9	Barbados	116
10	Belgium	603
11	Bosnia Herzegovina	2
12	Brazil	24
13	Brunei Darussalam	25
14	Bulgaria	297
15	Canada	100000
16	Chile	40
17	China	18171
18	Cuba (Dominican Republic)	7
19	Curacao	279
20	Cyprus	2790
21	Czech Republic	400
22	Denmark	274
23	Egypt	150
24	Estonia	138
25	Finland	779
26	France	6000
27	France (Reunion Is.)	3
28	Georgia	3000
29	Germany	13740
30	Greece	1
31	Guyana	170
32	Hong Kong	350
33	Hungary	650
34	Iceland	10
35	Indonesia	17
36	Iran	1000
37	Ireland	2300
38	Israel	550
39	Italy	2000
40	Japan	1015
41	Jordan	11
42	Kazakhstan	3350
43	Korea (Republic of )	1183
44	Kuwait	79
45	Kyrgyzstan	7000

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46	Latvia	1850
47	Lebanon	4
48	Libya	9
49	Lithuania	850
50	Malaysia	1900
51	Mauritius	500
52	Mexico	100
53	Moldova	104
54	Mongolia	1
55	Nepal	2000
56	Netherlands	2500
57	New Zealand	30000
58	Niger	5
59	Norway	250
60	Oman	3000
61	Panama (Costa Rica, Nicaragua, & Columbia)	22
62	Philippines	8500
63	Poland	2500
64	Portugal	75
65	Romania	220
66	Russian Federation	6500
67	Rwanda	20
68	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of )	810
69	Serbia	1
70	Slovenia	42
71	Singapore	2435
72	Slovakia	25
73	South Africa	180
74	Spain	650
75	Sri Lanka	16
76	St. Lucia	231
77	St. Kitts & Nevis	10
78	Sudan	15
79	South Sudan	268
80	Sweden	3200
81	Switzerland	1555
82	Tajikistan	850
83	Tanzania	2
84	Thailand	297
85	Turkey	57
86	Ukraine	9000
87	United Arab Emirates (Dubai)	500
88	United Kingdom (2015-16)	14830
89	United State of America	206708
90	Uzbekistan	50
91	Venezuala (including in Curacao, Sint Maartin and Aruba)	281
	<b>Total</b>	<b>586183</b>

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