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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Research Activities

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with top universities in foreign countries with Indian universities to have academic nexus and research activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make migration of students from Indian universities to foreign universities easy and *vice-versa* to have higher education/ research pursuits?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) to (c): It has always been the endeavour of this Ministry to encourage the collaboration between Indian Educational Institutions and top Foreign Educational Institutions. Most of the Educational Institutions in India are autonomous in nature to enter into collaborative agreements with Foreign Educational Institutions. However, this Ministry is planning to launch a programme under the name 'Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)', with the intention to boost academic and research collaborations by way of signing agreements/ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Indian Educational Institutions and top Foreign Educational Institutions. At present, the SPARC proposal is at nascent stage,

as the approvals of various stakeholders yet to be obtained. The migration of Indian students to foreign countries hugely depends on the rules/ regulations of the foreign countries. In so far as ease of mobility of foreign students coming to India is concerned, this Ministry has launched 'Study in India' Programme for attracting foreign students and making India an Educational hub, thereby, increase the international ranking of Indian Institutions. Under this Programme, a one stop portal has been developed for facilitating admission to the foreign students and also providing Visa Facilitation.
