

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2138
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018**

Special Education Zones

2138. DR. A. SAMPATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Special Educational Zones to serve higher education and skill development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposals to establish educational townships on the lines of Oxford and Cambridge;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government would consider such a proposal in the near future to raise the standards of higher education; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(Dr. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (e): There are no such proposals with this Department, however, with a view to facilitate collaboration between the good performing Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) of India with reputed foreign institutions, the UGC (Promotion and maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2016 have been notified on 11th July, 2016.

Under these regulations, any eligible HEI can enter into a written Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) or Agreement with the Foreign Educational Institution (FEI) concerned with the approval of its Board of Governors/ Syndicate/ Executive Committee and seek final approval from the UGC.
