

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.12  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019

**Foreign Students**

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

- (a) whether the Indian universities have admitted foreign students by designing special customised courses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the University Grants Commission has approved those courses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
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(a) to (d): As per the All India Survey on Higher Education Report (AISHE) 2017-18, total number of foreign students enrolled in Higher Education during 2017-18 is 46,144. This marks an increase of more than 67% in the enrollment of foreign students in Higher Education as compared to 2010-11 (27,531 students as per the AISHE Report 2010-11). Programme wise number of foreign students enrolled in higher education during 2017-18 is available at [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5846377\\_LSPQ-No-12-Annexure-I.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5846377_LSPQ-No-12-Annexure-I.pdf).

The University Grants Commission has informed that it has not framed any customized courses for the admission of foreign student in Indian Universities.

Further, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched the Study in India (SII) programme, as a flagship initiative, on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 with the aim of increasing the number of inbound foreign students to India. In the first year itself, more than 5000 students were admitted through Study in India portal. The programme involves partnership with 160 plus select top ranked Indian institutes/universities (based on National Institutional Ranking Framework and National Assessment and

Accreditation Council rankings) and focuses on 30 plus target countries across South-East Asia, Middle East and Africa. An Online Centralized Admission Portal has been put in place, which brings in transparency. Apart from branding activities in the targeted countries, Scholarships are also offered to meritorious students admitted through SII portal. To attract foreign students, the Participating Institutes also offer tuition fee waiver ranging from 100 percent to 25 percent to students selected under SII programme.

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