

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.90
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019

Quality Education

90. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India can provide high quality education at an affordable price to the foreign students;
- (b) if so, the number of foreign students currently enrolled across institutions;
- (c) whether the Government is working on an ambitious mission to draw over one lakh foreign students to study in Indian institutions under 'Study in India' mission;
- (d) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has targeted the countries for sending students to India for higher studies; and
- (f) whether the Ministry has consulted the Ministry of External Affairs in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Government of India has taken a number of initiatives to attract foreign students to study in India including recently launched Study in India(SII) Programme. Though affordability in respect of a foreign student is a relative term and mostly depends on various factors such as country of origin, financial background of a foreign student, studying in India in itself is generally considered affordable. However, under SII Programme, meritorious foreign students are offered scholarships and the participating institutions offer fee waivers ranging from 100% to 25% on merit basis making the cost of study even more affordable.

(b): The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has published an occasional paper 2017/1 "Internationalisation of Higher Education in India – Annual Survey of International Students in India 2014-15" in which the details of foreign students studying in India University-wise, in respect of the member institutions of the AIU, is available. This paper can be accessed at [http://www.aiu.ac.in/International/AIU_International_Students_2017%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.aiu.ac.in/International/AIU_International_Students_2017%20(2).pdf).

(c) to (f): The Government of India has taken various steps for increasing the inflow of foreign students in the country. MHRD has launched Study in India Programme on 18.04.2018, with

due consultation with Ministry of External Affairs, with the aim to make India an education destination/hub for foreign students by way of increasing the inflow of inbound International Students through systematic brand building, marketing, social media and digital marketing campaigns. The programme focuses on attracting foreign students from select 30 plus countries. The programme envisages participation of select reputed Indian institutes/universities by way of offering seats for the International students at affordable rates, along with fee waivers to meritorious foreign students ranging from 100% to 25%. The program offers scholarships also to meritorious students. A centralised admission web-portal (<https://studyinindia.gov.in>) acts as a single window for the admission of foreign students. In the first round, more than 5000 foreign students have been placed in different institutions in the year 2018-19.
