

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4633
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd JULY, 2019

Transform Higher Education

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SHRI SRIRANGA APPA BARNE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has released a five-year vision and action plan to transform higher education by doubling enrolment and employability;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the vision document;
- (c) the manner in which it will be beneficial for the betterment of higher education in the country as well as at par with the international standard;
- (d) whether the Government is looking at allowing top foreign universities from the US, the UK, Australia and other countries to set up off- campus centres in India;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which the said centers are started in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (f): The Government has received recommendations of 10 Experts Groups under Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP) on 10 focus areas of higher education namely (i) Strategies for expanding access, (ii) Towards global best teaching/learning process, (iii) Promoting excellence, (iv) Governance reforms, (v) Assessment, Accreditation & Ranking systems, (vi) Promotion of research & innovation, (vii) Employability & Entrepreneurship, (viii) Using Technology for better reach, (ix) Internationalisation of Higher Education and (x) Financing higher education. The recommendations have been sent to State Governments and other

related departments of Government of India for suggestions and comments. The Government has not taken a final decision on the recommendations, their likely financial implications and source of funding.

At present, there is no law which allows the entry and operation of foreign educational providers to set up their campuses in India. However, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations 2016, which spell out the modalities regarding the eligibility criteria and the conditions for the collaboration of a foreign educational institution with an Indian educational institution. UGC regulations in this respect are available at <http://www.egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2016/170684.pdf>.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has also set norms for academic collaborations and twinning programmes between Indian and Foreign Universities/Institutions in the field of technical education, research and training in India. AICTE norms in this regard are available at <https://www.aicte-india.org/sites/default/files/APH%202019-20.pdf>.
