

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4211
ANSWERED ON 27/03/2023

Campuses of Foreign University

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has invited/permitted or received proposals for setting up of campuses of foreign university in the country, if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (b) the details of Universities being invited and the criteria to be adopted to set up these campuses;
- (c) the details of special zones for the setting up of the campuses of foreign universities;
- (d) whether the setting up of these campuses will not have an adverse effect on traditional universities/local universities/ institutes in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the manner in which the education in these foreign universities is likely to be affordable for those students who cannot visit foreign countries due to financial constraints;
- (f) whether the Government has proposed to impose fee-reduction for outstanding students in these universities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the details of the courses likely to be offered in these universities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (g): University Grants Commission (UGC) has drafted enabling Regulations to facilitate the establishment of campuses of Foreign Higher Institutions (FHEIs) in India. The draft University Grants Commission (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023 is available on https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9214094_Draft-Setting-up-and-Operation-of-Campuses-of-Foreign-Higher-Educational-Institutions-in-India-Regulations-2023.pdf

Apart from the above, as announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister in the Union Budget 2022-23, World-Class Foreign Universities and Institutions will be allowed in the

Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) to offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics free from domestic regulations, except those by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA). Foreign Universities and Institutions can set up their Branch Campuses in GIFT City as per the criteria and standards laid down in the IFSCA (Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campuses and Offshore Education Centres) Regulations, 2022. The Regulations is available on <https://ifsc.gov.in/Viewer/Index/352>. Two Universities from Australia have submitted proposals for setting up their campus in India. Setting up of such foreign University/ Institutions in the country will provide global exposure to students for education with an internationally relevant curriculum, quality education and promote internationalisation of education.
