

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOKSABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4260**  
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

**Framework Mechanism for Mutual Recognition of Qualifications**

4260. **SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:**  
**SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:**  
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**SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:**  
**SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**  
**SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Australia have signed a Framework Mechanism for Mutual Recognition of Qualifications, if so, the details thereof and the salient features thereof;
- (b) whether India and Australia have established a joint task force for mutual recognition of qualifications, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India and Australia has signed many institutional level MoUs to promote research and academic collaborations between the two countries in several key educational sectors and the manner in which it is likely to be helpful to the students from both countries if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to sign more such agreements with other foreign countries to facilitate the students who are interested in studying in each other countries?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Yes, Sir. A Mechanism for the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Australia was signed on 02.03.2023. The objective of the Mechanism is to establish qualifications recognition arrangements to facilitate mobility of students and professionals between Australia and India. The Mechanism provides a framework for establishing level by level equivalence of educational and skill qualifications.

(b): In accordance with a Letter of Arrangement signed between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Australia for Education Qualifications Recognition on 17.03.2022, a Taskforce on Education Qualifications Recognition was established on

01.07.2022. The Taskforce was composed of senior officials from Education and Skill Ministries and Regulators from both sides. The Taskforce held six virtual meetings from 01.07.2022 to 29.11.2022 and arrived on a mutually agreed draft Mechanism for Mutual Recognition of Qualifications.

(c): Many institutional level Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) are active between Indian and Australian Higher Education Institutions for research and academic collaborations in various areas like development of smart cities, Quantum technologies energy, water research and many others. However, consolidated data on institutional Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) is not centrally maintained by this Ministry.

These Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) will provide exposure to students, enhance the quality of education and research, and open new opportunities for the youth.

(d): To promote India as global study destination and Internationalisation of education, the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 stipulates various measures which inter alia includes facilitating research/teaching collaborations and faculty/student exchange with high-quality foreign Higher Education Institutions (HEIs); signing of relevant mutually beneficial Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with foreign countries; encouraging high performing Indian universities to set up campuses in other countries; setting up of International Student Office at each HEI for welcoming and supporting students arriving from abroad; promoting courses and programmes in subjects, such as Indology, Indian Languages, AYUSH systems of medicines, yoga, arts etc.

The Ministry of Education has signed agreements on Mutual Recognition of Qualifications with France, Morocco and United Kingdom.

Apart from these, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has released guidelines that allow collaborations under Twinning, Joint Degree, and Dual Degree Programmes between Indian and Foreign universities. World-class foreign universities and institutions will be allowed in the GIFT City to offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to facilitate availability of high-end human resources for financial services and technology.

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