

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No-431**  
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**FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES CAMPUS IN INDIA**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received applications from Foreign Universities to establish campuses in India;
- (b) if so, the details of the nature and scope of said applications received along with the names of universities and proposed locations for their campuses and the details of the standards fixed for Indian Students to receive assured affordable and high quality education;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to assess the said applications from Foreign Universities and the details of criteria being laid for such foreign universities to open campus in India;
- (d) the steps have been implemented to safeguard against the "Private-Philanthropy partnership," as outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP-2020);
- (e) whether the Government reconsidered NEP-2020 to enhance education accessibility for socially and economically disadvantage sections; and
- (f) whether the Government handle concerns related to cultural integration and adaptation of the foreign education system to the Indian context in the evaluation of these applications, if so, the details thereof?

## ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): In the Union Budget 2022-23 it was announced that world-class Foreign Universities and Institutions will be allowed in the Gujarat International Finance Tech-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. Deakin University and University of Wollongong from Australia have received in principle approval from IFSCA to establish their campus in GIFT City.

Further, to facilitate the entry of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) in India for providing an international dimension to higher education, enabling Indian students to obtain foreign qualifications at affordable cost and making India an attractive global study destination, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the UGC (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023 dated 07.11.2023. These Regulations specify the eligibility and procedure for approval for the FHEIs intending to establish campus in India. These regulations inter-alia also stipulate that the FHEIs may provide full or partial merit-based or need-based scholarships and give tuition fee concessions to students who are Indian citizens. Safeguards against misappropriation of philanthropic resources, non-compliance with internal and external standards for philanthropic operations, have also been incorporated in these Regulations. These regulations stipulate compliance with the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 for FHEIs to receive or utilize donations from any foreign sources.

These regulations are available at <https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/Setting%20up%20and%20Operation%20of%20Campuses%20of%20Foreign%20Higher%20Educational%20Institutions%20in%20India.pdf>.

After the notification of these Regulations, the UGC has opened the portal for inviting applications for setting up campuses of FHEIs in India. An application has been received from Lincoln University College, Malaysia for setting up a Campus in Telangana.

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