

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

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QS World University Rankings

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

- (a) whether as per QS World University Rankings, currently India is only second to China in terms of international student enrollment in schools across the globe;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any details regarding the number of Indian students studying abroad during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the courses they opted for, State/country-wise;
- (e) the problems faced by Indian students while studying abroad and the steps taken by the Government to address these problems; and
- (f) whether students studying abroad have reported cases of assault/violence and if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure safety of Indian students abroad?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b): The QS ranking is generally based on the surveys conducted by non-governmental agencies and gives substantial weightage to the 'perception' factor which is inherently subjective. Given its size and population and the socio-economic and geographical diversities, Indian universities and Institutions are doing better than those of many developing countries. Variations in standards of Indian Universities

depends on a number of factors including social, economic and geographical conditions.

(c) & (d): As per information received from the Ministry of External Affairs, country-wise details of number of students who went abroad for higher studies, in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 are enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

(e) : Some of the major problems faced by Indian students while studying abroad are as follows:

- i. Misleading information about fees to be paid to the University or additional fees sought for various elements, sudden increase in fees etc;
- ii. Sudden closure or de-recognition of foreign universities, institutes/colleges, after student joins university and pays tuition fees;
- iii. Fake calls asking students to make payments to avoid cancellation of student visa or deportation;
- iv. Harassment by educational consultants/agents, University administration.
- v. Poor quality of hostel facilities;
- vi. Medium of instructions in foreign university are in local language in some countries;
- vii. Issues of recognition of degree, equivalence of degree.

Various steps have been taken by the Ministry of External Affairs and our Missions/Posts abroad to address the problems faced by the Indian students abroad. To safe guard the interest of Indian students going abroad, Ministry of External Affairs has developed a “Students Registration Module” within the MADAD (Ministry of External Affairs in Aid of Diaspora in Distress) portal to create a database of Indian students going abroad, which enables them to register voluntarily and provide data about their courses, location, institution, duration of the course, etc. Also, a separate category for grievances e.g. related to fake universities; fraudulent educational consultants/agents; Safety and security of students etc. has been created on the portal.

Senior officials of the Indian Missions/Posts regularly visit local universities and colleges to meet Indian students to address their issues. Students Welfare officers of

Indian Embassy are constantly in contact with Indian students association and University administrations. There are informal group of students in social medial to disseminate information about students related issues in many countries. Such groups are in touch with student welfare officers. Advisory on dos and don'ts in foreign countries including issues related to fraudulent agents are issued by Indian Missions, which are placed on the website of the Mission.

To address issues pertaining to Indian Students abroad, an Expert group, having officials from stakeholders Ministries and government bodies (Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Medical Council of India) and senior diplomats based in Delhi dealing with Consular and Educational matters from select embassies (United States of America, United Kingdom, Canada, Russia, China, Australia etc.) has been established. Further, the Ministry of External Affairs constantly collaborates with various foreign Missions in India on a number of issues, including Regulating agents and consultants, both in India and abroad.

(f): A few cases of assault/violence have been reported by the students that have come to the notice of Indian Missions. To ensure safety of Indian students abroad, Indian Missions/Posts abroad are regularly in touch with the students and any instance where safety of the students is concerned, is promptly addressed by the Missions/Posts.

Sl. No.	Country	No. of Indian students				In Phd	In So Scienc Natu Scien
		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		
1	Afghanistan	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Albania	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Algeria	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	Angola	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Antigua & Barbuda	Nil	Nil	40	40	Nil	Nil
6	Argentina	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
7	Armenia	Nil	1100	1400	3000	Nil	Nil
8	Australia	65802	78103	93832	123851	4644	228
9	Austria	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	180	Data Available
10	Bahrain	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
11	Bangladesh	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Maintained
12	Barbados	34	34	116	160	Nil	Nil
13	Belarus	221	343	476	611	Not Available	Not Available
14	Belgium	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
15	Bhutan	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
16	Bolivia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
17	Botswana	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	Brazil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
19	Brunei Darussalam	4	5	6	6	2	Nil
20	Bulgaria & Macedonia	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
21	Canada	60969	94240	167060	172600	Not Available	Not Available
22	Chile	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	1	Nil

23	China	2522	4244	4466	4675	65	22
24	Colombia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
25	Comoros	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
26	Congo (Dem. Rep. Of)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
27	Cook Islands	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
28	Costa Rica	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Not Available	Not Available
29	Cote d'Ivoire	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
30	Croatia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
31	Cuba	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
32	Cyprus	670	1962	2360	2385	Not Available	Not Available
33	Czech Republic	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
34	Denmark	143	170	200	165	97	63
35	Egypt	115	121	153	155	1	Nil
36	Eritrea	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
37	Estonia	100	139	138	211	Not Available	Not Available
38	Ethiopia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
39	Fiji	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Not Available	Not Available
40	Finland	817	897	795	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

41	France	Not Available	3291	4247	Data would be published only after considering the September 2019 intake in the universities	502 (students were pursuing PhD studies in 2017-2018)	50
42	Georgia	Nil	3000	3000	14000	Nil	Nil
43	Germany	9671	10820	5536	6335	687	466
44	Ghana	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
45	Greece	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	2	6
46	Guinea	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
47	Guyana	110	167	170	184	Nil	Nil
48	Hong Kong	365	480	500	1112	Not Available	Not Available
49	Hungary	194	313	506	727	322	Not Available
50	Iceland	6	3	2	11	10	Nil
51	Indonesia	17	17	18	19	Nil	Nil
52	Iran	Nil	55	Nil	Nil	2	255 + Around Indian Student underg Theolo studies Mashh who are provide Consul Service from C Zahida
53	Iraq	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
54	Ireland	2333	2500	4478	4600	Not Available	Not Available

69	Luxembourg	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
70	Madagascar	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
71	Malawi	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
72	Malaysia	Not Available	1774	1869	2263	385	249
73	Maldives	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Not Available	Not Available
74	Mali	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
75	Malta	1	2	43	162	1	20
76	Mauritius	160	175	225	250	1	3
77	Mexico	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained
78	Moldova	119	104	250	262	Nil	Nil
79	Mongolia	Nil	1	Nil	1	Nil	Nil
80	Morocco	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
81	Mozambique	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
82	Myanmar	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
83	Nauru	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Not Available	Not Available
84	Nepal	603	516	387	303	Nil	Nil
85	Netherlands	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	50	30
86	Nicaragua	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Not Available	Not Available
87	Niger	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
88	Nigeria	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
89	Norway	179	121	172	197	Not Available	Not Available
90	Oman	Nil	4	Nil	2	Nil	Nil
91	Pakistan	26	23	14	33	Not Available	Not Available
92	Palestine	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
93	Panama	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Not Available	Not Available
94	Papua New Guinea	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
95	Peru	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

96	Philippines	6000	8500	12500	14000	Nil	No Availa
97	Poland	418	685	975	884	Data Not Maintained	Data Availa
98	Portugal	21	5	5	3	16	No Availa
99	Qatar	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
100	Reunion Island	4	4	2	4	2	4
101	Romania	114	68	38	110	Nil	Nil
102	Russia	6898	6903	11250	15600	8	7 So Scien 109 Natu Scien
103	Rwanda	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Not Available	No Availa
104	Sao Tome & Principe	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
105	Saudi Arabia	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	810	800	20	15
106	Serbia	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
107	Singapore	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Not Maintained	Data Availa
108	Slovakia	24	9	21	3	Data Not Maintained	Data Availa
109	Slovenia	3	13	10	8	8	32
110	South Africa	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	20	15
111	South Sudan	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
112	Spain	Not Available	Not Available	692	709	Not Available	No Availa
113	Sri Lanka	2	1	3	8	1	No Availa
114	St. Kitts & Nevis	9	11	10	20	Nil	Nil
115	St. Lucia	231	231	231	330	Nil	Nil

116	St. Vincent & Grenadines	Nil	Nil	Nil	25	Nil	Nil
117	Sudan	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
118	Suriname	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
119	Sweden	Not Available	2800	3000	3200	252	37
120	Switzerland	350	350	Not Available	Not Available	71	71
121	Syria	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
122	Tajikistan	246	514	817	1199	Nil	Nil
123	Tanzania	Nil	Nil	2	2	Nil	Nil
124	Thailand	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	436	65	9
125	Tonga	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Not Available	Not Available
126	Trinidad & Tobago	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Nil	Nil
127	Turkey	24	25	26	26	42	7
128	Turkmenistan	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
129	Tuvalu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Not Available	Not Available
130	UAE	Nil	Nil	5500	8000	Not Available	Not Available
131	Uganda	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
132	Ukraine	7867	10963	10569	14000	Nil	Nil
133	United Kingdom	16745	16559	19750	Figures have not been made public yet	Not Available	Not Available
134	USA	385130	423863	437836	209063	380145	506
135	Uzbekistan	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
136	Vanuatu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Not Available	Not Available

137	Venezuela, Aruba, Curacao, & St. Maarten	202	279	281	188	Not Available	No Availa
138	Vietnam	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	1	Nil
139	Zambia	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
140	Zimbabwe	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total	574871	684823	806326	620156	387612	628

Note: In respect of some countries, year-wise and subject-wise data are not available. In those cases, the total number of cases is shown in the Remarks column.