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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Foreign Students

1360. SHRI E. T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for attracting foreign students to India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the development of outreach programme for the benefit of common man from universities?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): Government of India has initiated several measures for making India a preferred destination for International Students. One of the flagship schemes of Government of India is Study in India with the objectives to make India an education hub for foreign students through a systematic brand-building, marketing, social media and digital marketing campaigns. A centralised admission web-portal (<https://studyinindia.gov.in>) acts as a single window for the admission of foreign students.

Apart from this, there are 10% supernumerary seats available in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and 15% for National Institutes of Technology (NITs) for foreign students. The NITs admit students through the Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) scheme.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) encourages the Indian Universities/Institutes for enrolling more foreign students in their courses for upgrading the standard of the institutes/universities. The UGC has notified several regulations with

a view to sustain and improve the quality of higher education and to undertake academic reforms.

Government of India has declared 20 Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence (IoE) to provide world class education to the Indian Students with autonomy to admit foreign students up to 30%.

Ministry of Human Resource Development has also launched (in October, 2018) a Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC), which aims at improving the research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions by facilitating academic and research collaborations involving mobility of students/faculty for long term research and teaching activities. More details may be accessed on <https://sparc.iitkgp.ac.in>.

India has also joined the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) DUO-India fellowship programme as a contributing partner. DUO-India aims to fund every year, 100 student-pairs and 50 faculty pairs for exchanges for one semester, starting from 2020 onwards aiming to provide mobility between Indian and European institutes.

With a view to providing opportunity for foreign students to study in IITs, foreign students are allowed to appear directly in JEE(Advanced). JEE(Advanced) is conducted in different locations abroad to facilitate foreign students. Further, the Government has approved grant of upto 1000 fellowship to students of ASEAN countries to pursue integrated Ph.D. programmes in the IITs, at a total outlay of Rs. 300 Cr. for a period of 7 years. For the foreign students admitted, fellowship will be provided at the same rate as Indian students, along with the yearly research grant, as applicable.
