

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.4664**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

**SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY**

†4664 SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) the total number of students and teachers at the South Asian University (SAU) including data of nationalities and courses from the inception of the university till date;
- (b) whether the Government has devised any new plans to boost the number of foreign students and faculty members at the university in post-covid times and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of courses in the university along with the details of students enrolled therein nationality-wise from the start of the university;
- (d) whether the Government has planned to start new courses in the university and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any scheme to attract Indians who have studied in foreign universities as teaching faculty in the SAU and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the details of cultural activities organized by the SAU; and

- (g) the details of financial data regarding contributions from foreign countries, fees, salaries and other expenditure as well as revenues for the SAU ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

- (a) The total number of students and teachers at the South Asian University(SAU) including data of nationalities and courses from the inception of the university till date are as follows :-

- i. No. of faculty and students : Annex I
- ii. Data on nationalities of students : Annex II
- iii. Data on nationalities of teachers : Annex III
- iv. Data on courses and enrollment : Annex IV

- (b) South Asian University is an international university established by eight Member States of SAARC. The Government of India is not directly involved in academic planning of the university except as a party to collective decisions of the Governing Board of the university in which all member states are represented.

- (c) The university currently offers courses in seven disciplines, viz. Biotechnology, Computer Science, Economics, International Relations, Legal Studies, Mathematics and Sociology. The details of students enrolled therein nationality-wise from the start of the university are at Annex V.

- (d) The Government of India is not directly involved in academic planning of the university except as a party to collective decisions of the Governing Board of the university in which all member states are represented.

- (e) The Government of India is not directly involved in the recruitment policy of the university except as a party to collective decisions of the Governing Board of the university in which all member states are represented.

- (f) Details of cultural activities organised by the university is at Annex VI.

- (g) Details of financial data regarding contribution from foreign countries, fees, salaries and other expenditure as well as revenues of the university are at Annex VII.

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## FACULTY &amp; STUDENTS DATA

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Teachers</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
2010	8	50
2011	39	156
2012	61	170
2013	65	230
2014	61	243
2015	60	245
2016	57	246
2017	58	196
2018	54	246
2019	58	238
2020	56	251

**ANNEX II**South Asian University  
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<b>Country/ Year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Afghanistan	0	17	14	13	14	22	31	35	36	41	46
Bangladesh	5	26	24	32	32	33	26	28	29	30	34
Bhutan	2	0	5	6	1	3	7	12	21	17	15
India	36	81	92	145	151	149	153	97	129	121	125
Maldives	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nepal	4	17	18	17	26	23	19	18	21	18	21
Pakistan	2	7	8	12	12	11	6	0	5	7	8
Sri Lanka	1	6	7	3	6	3	2	6	4	4	2
Others	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>251</b>

**ANNEX III**

<b>South Asian University</b>											
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<b>Data on Nationalities of Teachers</b>											
<b>Country/Year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	1	2	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bhutan	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	6	32	50	54	55	49	50	49	46	51	50
Maldives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nepal	0	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	3
Pakistan	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	0	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
Others	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>

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## DATA ON COURSES AND ENROLLMENT

<b>Courses/No. of students enrolled</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Economics	25	25	29	32	33	33	39	27	37	34	36
Biotechnology	0	29	25	40	38	37	31	25	36	35	36
Computer Science	25	24	26	30	33	34	39	29	34	36	35
Mathematics	0	0	12	37	33	39	35	31	35	32	36
Legal Studies	0	29	29	35	34	31	36	28	34	35	36
International Relations	0	26	28	26	34	35	34	28	32	36	36
Sociology	0	23	21	30	38	36	32	28	35	30	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>25</b>

## ANNEX V

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### STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2010-2020- COURSES & NATIONALITIES

Programme	Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Bhutan	India	Maldives	Nepal	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	Others	Total
Economics	78	29	11	186	0	35	7	4	0	350
Biotechnology	17	52	14	175	0	56	12	6	0	332
Computer Science	53	38	10	183	1	34	23	4	0	346
Mathematics	34	18	26	200	0	9	3	0	0	290
Legal Studies	20	75	0	185	3	18	17	9	1	328
International Relations	39	42	10	176	1	30	7	9	2	316
Sociology	28	48	18	173	1	20	9	11	1	309

### **Details of cultural activities**

#### **International Mother Language Day**

It is observed every year on 21 February. Poster-making competition on the theme of language and speech is organised followed by cultural events where SAU students perform song and dance representing their own languages and cultures and recite poetry.

#### **Sports Day**

The SAU Annual Sports Fest, organized by the SAU Sports Committee is held during the winter semester in the month of February with enthusiastic participation by students from all departments and faculties at SAU in multiple sporting disciplines such as Table Tennis, Badminton, Carrom, Chess, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Cricket etc.

#### **Cultural Committee Program**

The SAU annual cultural festival is organized in March every year with cultural activities of various hues and sounds in the two-day event.

#### **SAU Food Fest**

It is organised to celebrate the Foundation day of South Asian University on the 7<sup>th</sup> March every year. The primary object of the food Fest is to encourage the students to exhibit their local cuisine under one umbrella. It gives the students an opportunity to exhibit their varied culinary skills and the visitors are treated to sumptuous spread of food and snacks from the South Asia region.



**Operational Contribution Received from Foreign Countries**

**INRs**

Particulars/Years	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	22,699,580	22,699,580
Bangladesh	-	-	-	-	48,652,520	48,652,520
Bhutan	-	-	-	-	22,699,580	22,699,580
Maldives	78,156,218	-	30,791,518	-	41,850,040	150,797,776
Nepal	-	444,975	-	-	80,003,080	80,448,055
Pakistan	-	144,621,180	344,601,901	-	-	489,223,081
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	29,132,360	29,132,360
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,156,218</b>	<b>145,066,155</b>	<b>375,393,419</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>245,037,160</b>	<b>8,436,529,52</b>

**Financial Data of SAU- Fees, Other Income, Salaries and Other Expenditure**

**INRs**

Particulars/Years	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
<b>Fees Income</b>	32,167,925	33,856,296	34,212,912	37,712,170	38,015,000	175,964,303
<b>Other Income</b>	1,158,295	2,827,787	415,682	889,479	1,120,000	6,411,243
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,326,220</b>	<b>36,684,083</b>	<b>34,628,594</b>	<b>38,601,649</b>	<b>39,135,000</b>	<b>182,375,546</b>

**INRs**

Particulars/Years	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
<b>Salaries</b>	332,971,033	353,646,848	352,805,399	438,609,716	392,785,635	1,870,818,631
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	82,482,475	86,689,138	119,028,582	105,178,767	99,413,819	492,792,781
<b>Academic Expenses</b>	97,899,690	113,020,240	78,718,660	92,383,146	102,511,764	484,533,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>513,353,198</b>	<b>553,356,226</b>	<b>550,552,641</b>	<b>636,171,629</b>	<b>594,711,218</b>	<b>2,848,144,912</b>

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