

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1085**  
ANSWERED ON- 29/07/2024

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS TO PURSUE EDUCATION ABROAD**

1085 SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of higher educational institutions in Bihar in proportion to population of the State;
- (b) whether the Government grants permission and provides assistance to students for pursuing higher education abroad;
- (c) if so, the number of children provided financial assistance along with the amount of assistance, course-wise, country-wise and institution-wise;
- (d) whether it is true that lakhs of children go to foreign countries for pursuing higher education every year; and
- (e) if so, the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to prevent such students and provide quality education within the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

- (a) As per All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) 2021-22, the total number of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Bihar is 1,444 and about 14.47 lakh students enrolled in these HEIs.
- (b) & (c) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MTA) and Ministry of Science and Technology provide assistance to Indian students for higher education abroad. Moreover, based on requests received from friendly foreign countries/institutions, the Ministry of Education disseminates information on scholarships offered by such donor countries for Indian students of all the States and Union Territories to study abroad. As per information received from the MSJE and the MTA, in the year 2023-24, 125 students were selected for the National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Caste students and an expenditure of Rs. 88.56 crore was incurred as scholarship; and the National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe Students was provided to 65 students and Rs. 7 crore was given as scholarship.
- (d) The Bureau of Immigration (BoI), Ministry of Home Affairs captures the data of Indians going abroad for higher education on the basis of their verbal disclosure at the time of immigration clearance, or the type of visa obtained for the destination country. As per information received from the BoI, in the year 2023, the number of Indian nationals who

have mentioned their purpose of visit as “STUDENT” during departure was nearly 8.95 lakhs.

(e) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 advocates Indian HEIs to attain the goal of global quality standards. It further states that top universities in the world will be facilitated to operate in India. In this regard, the following initiatives have been undertaken:

- University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued enabling Regulations to facilitate establishment of campuses of Foreign Higher Institutions (FHEIs) in India. The regulations are available at <https://fhei.ugc.ac.in/Downloads/Regulations.pdf>.
- The UGC has also issued Regulations to enable Indian Institutions to collaborate with FHEIs to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes. The regulation may be accessed at [https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/4555806\\_UGC-Acad-Collab-Regulations.pdf](https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/4555806_UGC-Acad-Collab-Regulations.pdf).
- World-Class Foreign Universities and Institutions have been allowed to establish their campus in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) and offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Foreign Universities and Institutions can set up their Branch Campuses in GIFT City as per the criteria and standards laid down in the International Financial Services Centers Authority (Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campuses and Offshore Education Centers) Regulations, 2022. (weblink: <https://ifsc.gov.in/Document/Legal/ifsc-ibc-and-oec-regulations-202213102022113639.pdf> ).
- Two universities, namely, Deakin University and University of Wollongong from Australia have established their campus in GIFT City. The first batch of Deakin University commenced on 3rd July, 2024. The admissions for University of Wollongong’s first batch are still open.

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