

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2699  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016

**Campuses of Foreign Universities**

†2699. SHRI ANSHUL VERMA:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been consulting with States in order to prepare a frame work for allowing foreign universities to set up their campuses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have received suggestions or otherwise from States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Human Resource Development has consulted NITI Aayog in order to consider the issue of allowing foreign universities to set up their campuses in the country. NITI Aayog has opined that the road map for the same would involve a four-fold effort viz., (i) raising educational standards and international benchmarking (ii) attracting investment in the higher education sector (iii) leveraging India's soft power and (iv) strengthening regulation.

The University Grants Commission had proposed fresh regulations for promotion and maintenance of standards of academic collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions with a view to streamlining its regulations in the matter.

During the consultation process of the New Education Policy, States were requested to give their views on various themes, one of which is "Internationalisation of Education". All suggestions received from States and during other consultation processes have been sent to the Committee for Evolution of New Education Policy.