

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

**LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2016**

Indian Students in Foreign Countries

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

- (a) whether the Government has maintained any data regarding the students pursuing education in various educational institutes across the country and the number of Indian Students pursuing education in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a number of countries including New Zealand have refused visa to large number of Indian students as a result of which a decline in the number of Indian Students has been registered; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b): The number of students pursuing higher education in various higher educational institutions across the country is collected under All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) and the data are available on the portal www.aishe.gov.in. The number of Indian students pursuing education in foreign countries is available in statistics maintained by UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS).

As per UIS, number of students studying abroad during 2013 is 1,81,872. The top 10 countries and number of Indian students studying in these countries during 2013 are shown below:-

Country	Number
United States	97,613
Australia	25,562
United Kingdom	19,604
Canada	13,626
New Zealand	10,255
United Arab Emirates	9,273
Germany	5,645
Ukraine	3,587
Russian Federation	2,630
France	1,985

(c) & (d): The number of students studying in New Zealand has increased from 1563 in 2005 to 10,255 in 2013. Information in regard to refusal of visa by various countries is not available.
