

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(c) to (e) Under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, about 150 vocational courses are offered in Government and Government aided Higher Secondary Schools to enhance employability of students.

Permission to IIMs for opening campus abroad

1882. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

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

(a) whether the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) had urged Government some time back to allow them to start a campus in foreign countries which was refused by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has allowed several foreign universities to operate in India whereas Indian universities are not given permission to set up their campus in foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not allowing Indian universities to operate in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A request was received from IIM, Bangalore for opening a campus in Singapore, which was not agreed to by the Ministry as the Memoranda of Association (MOA) of IIM, Bangalore does not empower the Institute to open campuses abroad.

(c) and (d) No, Sir, A legislation proposed to regulate entry and operation of foreign educational institutions in India is presently under consideration of the Government. As for Indian Universities, Institutions 'deemed-to-be-universities' are allowed to open off-shore campuses with the prior approval of the Government.

World Class Universities

1883. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has plan to set up 14 Central Universities of World Class in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) what are the differences between a Central University and University of World Class?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government is considering a proposal to set up 14 Universities aiming at world class standards at the following locations:-

Sl.No.	Location
1.	Amritsar (Punjab)
2.	Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh)
3.	Jaipur (Rajasthan)
4.	Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
5.	Patna (Bihar)
6.	Guwahati (Assam)
7.	Kolkata (West Bengal)
8.	Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)
9.	Kochi (Kerala)
10.	Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)
11.	Mysore (Karnataka)
12.	Pune (Maharashtra)
13.	Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
14.	Bhubhaneshwar (Orissa)

(c) Universities aiming at world class standards would act as exemplars for other universities, including Central Universities, in benchmarking standards of teaching and research to those prevailing in the best universities in the world.

Entrance test in University

1884. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that admission to some courses in Universities *e.g.* Delhi University is conducted on the basis of the Combined Entrance Test;

(b) if so, the details of the courses admission to which is so conducted;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this negates the importance of the performance in the qualifying examination; and

(d) if so, what is the justification of the entrance test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by