

Guidelines against fraudulent educational institutes abroad

472. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any advise/guidelines to the students for checking the background of institutes before applying abroad, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to identify and inform the Indian students about such fraudulent educational institutes abroad, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) The Government of India takes prompt action to address issues pertaining to security, safety and welfare of Indian students who are enrolled in foreign universities and educational institutions. In addition to this, the Government is in regular contact with foreign Governments, Universities and educational institutions to provide assistance to Indian students in foreign countries, as and when such issues arise. Furthermore, the Government also issues advisories to Indian students asking them to carry all documentation and undertake due diligence to ensure that the foreign institutions to which they are seeking admission have proper authorization and capacities.

Syllabus of higher education in India

473. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to invite persons from foreign universities to outline the syllabus of higher education in India, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the objective is to introduce a common syllabus for higher education all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) The Government has announced on 3rd June, 2016 that the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) will provide support for engagement of academics from leading foreign Universities with State Universities for curriculum and pedagogical reforms.

The engagement of State Universities in these reforms will be on a voluntary basis.