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23.	Puducherry	6241		0	11
24.	Punjab	274730		7	2
25.	Rajasthan	191184		3	4
26.	Sikkim	361		0	4
27.	Tamil Nadu	761114		6	49
28.	Telangana	212706		6	268
29.	Tripura	14652		0	21
30.	Uttar Pradesh	1238139		14	1708
31.	Uttarakhand	69504		0	56
32.	West Bengal	382795		4	681

* State-wise data is not available for the Scholarship Scheme of Top Class Education for SC Students

Launch of call centre and mobile application

1188. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is all set to launch a dedicated call centre and mobile application during the next few months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this would attract students from abroad;

(c) whether Government is also taking several other measures to attract students from different countries; and

(d) whether Government would spend about ₹ 150 crore during the next two years in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) Under Study in India Programme launched on 18.04.2018 with the aim to increase the inflow of inbound foreign students in India and rebranding India as a preferred destination/education hub for foreign students, a dedicated call centre is set to get launched by the end of December, 2018. A mobile application capturing broad features of the Study in India website is also being worked upon and may be launched before the start of new academic cycle.

(c) The Government of India has taken various steps for increasing the inflow

of foreign students in the country. MHRD has launched Study in India Programme on 18.04.2018 with the aim to make India an education hub for foreign students by way of increasing the inflow of inbound International Students through systematic brand building, marketing, social media and digital marketing campaigns. The programme focuses on attracting foreign students from select 30 plus countries. The programme envisages participation of select reputed Indian institutes/universities by way of offering seats for the International students at affordable rates, along with fee waivers to meritorious foreign students ranging from 100% to 25%. A centralised admission web-portal (<https://studyinindia.gov.in>) acts as a single window for the admission of foreign students. In the first round, more than 5000 foreign students have been placed in different institutions in the year 2018-19.

MHRD has also launched (in October, 2018) a Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC), which aims at improving the research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions by facilitating academic and research collaborations between top ranked Indian Institutions and the best institutions in the world from 28 selected countries. The Joint Research Projects involve the mobility of students/faculty for long term research and teaching activities. Under SPARC, foreign students and faculty members are given adequate incentives for their participation in the joint research project. More details may be accessed on <https://sparc.iitkgp.ac.in>.

Recently, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has granted autonomy to 76 Educational Institutions (as per data up to 26.07.2018) which have maintained high academic standards. UGC has categorized Universities into three categories: Category-I, Category-II, and Category-III. Universities coming under Category-I and Category-II may hire, without approval of UGC, foreign faculty upto twenty per cent over and above of their sanctioned faculty strength. They shall also be free to admit foreign students on merit, subject to a maximum of twenty per cent over and above of the strength of their approved domestic students.

Six institutions have recently been accredited the status of Institutes of Eminence (IoE) by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. There is a provision of greater autonomy including the provision of admitting foreign students upto 30% of admitted students; to recruit foreign faculty upto 25% of faculty strength; free to fix and charge fees from foreign students without restriction; flexibility of course structure in terms of number of credit hours and years to take a degree; complete flexibility in fixing of curriculum and syllabus, etc.

To attract foreign students in IITs, the Joint Entrance Examination, JEE(Advanced) examinations are being conducted in six examination centres abroad at Addis Ababa

(Ethiopia), Kathmandu (Nepal), Singapore, Dubai (United Arab Emirates), Dhaka (Bangladesh), and Colombo (Sri Lanka). Supernumerary seats with a cap of 10% of total number of seats in each course are available to foreign students, who are allowed to appear in JEE (Advanced) directly without appearing in the JEE (Main). Similarly, Graduate Aptitude Test for Engineering (GATE), an entrance examination for admission into the M.Tech. programmes in IITs and other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions, is also conducted at these centres abroad.

Other initiatives of Government of India include Study Webs of Active –Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), SWAYAM PRABHA, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS), Impacting research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT), Leadership for Academicians Program (LEAP), Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching (ARPIT), National Academic Depository (NAD), National Digital Library of India (NDL), etc. Besides these Government of India initiatives, several regulations are issued by the UGC and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for improvement of standards of quality higher education in the country. National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and National Board of Accreditation (NBA) also ensure quality of higher education in the country. One of the benefits of these initiatives is that more foreign students are attracted to pursue higher education in India.

(d) Standing Finance Committee (SFC) in its meeting dated 15.03.2018 has approved a budget of ₹ 150 crores for academic years 2018-19 and 2019-20 for the Study in India Programme.

Hiring of foreign faculty

1189. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI:

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

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of faculty in IITs and central universities across the country;

(b) whether the Ministry is trying to hire foreign faculty or guest lecturers from abroad to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to streamline the higher education in these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE