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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1346**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.7.2022

**QUAD FELLOWSHIP**

1346. DR. PRASHANTA NANDA:

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether subjects such as economics and behavioral sciences generally considered under Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in the US are eligible for the Quad fellowship as they are not considered as STEM subjects in India; and
- (b) the details of the measures that Government will be taking in case there exists a discrepancy pertaining to the understanding of the type of subjects classified as STEM in India and the US?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

- (a) Quad STEM Fellowships were launched at the Quad Leaders' Summit on 24 May 2022 in Tokyo to provide 25 scholarships each for students from Australia, India, Japan and USA, to pursue Graduate or Doctoral studies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in leading US universities.

The fields included under Quad Fellowships are broad-based and cover behavioural sciences such as sociology, anthropology and psychology, in addition to traditional fields of Science including Biological Sciences, Computer and Information Sciences, Geosciences and Physical; Technology; Engineering and Mathematics.

- (b) Subjects covered by the Quad STEM Fellowships are aligned with our understanding of subjects classified as STEM.

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