

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 336  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

**Lacking of world-class educational institutions in the country**

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Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country lacks world-class educational institutions;
- (b) whether foreign students rarely come to India to study whereas Indian students prefer to study abroad;
- (c) whether the Universities and educational institutions in the country lack basic facilities, resources and teachers; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to provide quality higher education in the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) No, Sir. In the recently announced QS World University Rankings - 2023, 41 Indian higher educational institutions have been ranked in the university category, an increase of 06 institutions vis-à-vis QS Rankings – 2022. Also, 89 Indian higher educational institutions have featured in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings-2022 in the university category wherein 35 institutions are in top-1000 of global educational institutions. The Government is committed to improvement of quality education and institutions in the country and has established a large number of premier institutions and Institutions of National Importance which includes the Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research, National Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Information Technology and Central Universities. Further, eleven institutions have been notified as Institutions of Eminence (IoE) under the 'World Class Institutions' scheme launched in the year 2017 to provide affordable world class academic & research facilities in the country. In QS World University Rankings-2023, 09 IoEs have secured rank in top-1000 of global educational institutions.

(b) The number of foreign students enrolled in higher education has increased from 42,293 from 164 countries (2014-15) to 49,348 from 168 countries (2019-20) as per the reports of the All India Survey on Higher Education.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. As a part of its mandate, the University Grants Commission determines and maintains the standards of teaching, examination and research in universities and issues rules, regulations and guidelines from time to time. Recently, it has notified the University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022 on 02.05.2022 to not only enable Indian students to obtain degree from top-ranked foreign higher educational institutions at affordable cost but also make India an attractive global study destination.

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