

INVITES SUGGESTIONS ON
THE FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (REGULATION OF ENTRY
AND OPERATIONS) BILL, 2010

The Foreign Educational Institutions (Regulation of Entry and Operations) Bill, 2010 as introduced and pending in Lok Sabha has been referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development headed by **Shri Oscar Fernandes, MP, Rajya Sabha** for examination and report.

2. A number of Foreign Educational Institutions have been operating in the country and some of them may be resorting to various malpractices to allure and attract students. Due to lack of policy or regulatory regime it has been very difficult to make meaningful assessment of the operations of the foreign educational institutions which has given rise to chances of adoption of various unfair practices besides commercialization. The enactment of a legislation regulating entry and operation of all the foreign educational institutions is necessary to maintain the standards of higher education within the country as well to protect the interest of the students and in public interest. The object of the proposed legislation is to regulate entry and operation of foreign educational institutions imparting or intending to impart higher education or technical education or practice of any profession in India including award of degree, diploma and equivalent qualifications by such institutions. It empowers the Central Government to withdraw the recognition of a foreign educational institution in the event of any violation of the provisions towards maintenance of corpus fund, operational requirements and quality of programmes in India.

3. The Committee has decided to invite memoranda containing views / suggestions from individuals / organizations interested in the subject-matter of the Bill.

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4. Those desirous of submitting memoranda to the Committee may send their written memoranda either in English or in Hindi to **Shri Arun Sharma, Joint Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Room No. 540, Fifth Floor, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi – 110001. (Tel: 23035368 and Fax: 23793633) E-mail: arunsharma@sansad.nic.in and rsc_hrd@sansad.nic.in** within fifteen days from the date of publication of this advertisement. Those who are willing to appear before the Committee for oral evidence besides submitting the memoranda may indicate so. However, the Committee's decision in this regard shall be final.

5. The memoranda submitted to the Committee would form part of the records of the Committee and would be treated as confidential and would enjoy privileges of the Committee. The Committee will have full right on the memoranda received. It may or may not use those memoranda while preparing the report.

6. The Bill has been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 2, dated the 3rd May, 2010. Copies of the Bill can be had on written request to the above-mentioned Officer or can be downloaded from the official web-site of the Rajya Sabha (<http://rajyasabha.nic.in>) under the caption "**Bills with the Committees**".