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Q NO.1649 SRI LANKAN STUDENTS IN NALANDA UNIVERSITY

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1649
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2015

SRI LANKAN STUDENTS IN NALANDA UNIVERSITY

1649. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any agreement signed during the visit of Sri Lankan President for participation of Sri Lankan students in Nalanda University, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any reciprocal arrangement has been worked out with Sri Lanka for Indian students; and
- (c) if not, the benefit that India would be getting for Indian students in Sri Lanka?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) During the visit of President Sirisena, Sri Lanka became the third non-East Asia Summit country to be a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Nalanda University, which had come into force on 10 October 2013. This would enable Sri Lanka and its institutions to collaborate in the development of Nalanda University as an international centre of academic excellence.

(b) & (c) The MoU on the establishment of Nalanda University is an inter-governmental agreement. It does not include reference to bilateral reciprocal arrangements with Sri Lanka for exchange of students.



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