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NEW DELHI

No. S/321/16/2004

July 3, 2014

Dear Shri Reddy,

Please refer to your enquiry dated 10th June, 2014 under the RTI Act, 2005. The information sought in paras (a) to (e) of Question No. 4 relating to the international status of Nalanda University is given below:

(a) Yes, the Government of India signed an inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Establishment of Nalanda University with seven countries on 10th October, 2013 to reinforce the University's international character. It came into effect on the same day.

(b) The MoU was signed with Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, New Zealand and Singapore. It specifies that funding for the establishment and operations of the University will be on a voluntary basis; the Governing Board will include 5 representatives from participating countries of the East Asia Summit; the University, its assets, income and other property will be exempt from all direct taxes, customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports for official use; the Vice-Chancellor and the academic staff will have privileges and immunities as provided in the Headquarters Agreement; the host country will provide appropriate visas to students faculty and staff for travel to India to study or work in the University; and after its coming into effect other participating countries of the East Asia Summit or any other State that subscribes to the object and purpose of the establishment of Nalanda University may become a signatory. Accordingly, China and South Korea signed the MoU subsequently.

(c) The University's Project Office has been functioning since the commencement of the Nalanda University Act, 2010. Teaching in two of the seven Schools is scheduled to begin in rented premises from the academic year 2014-15. The University's own campus will be fully functional by 2021-22.

(d) The University will be open to Indian and foreign students. It is not possible, at this stage, to predict the number of international students who will enrol.

(e) The total foreign exchange earned by the University will depend on the number of international students and on the fee structure.

2. If you wish to prefer an appeal on the above, the same may be addressed within one month of the receipt of this letter to the Appellant Authority, Shri Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Joint Secretary (South), Room No. 3009, A-Wing, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi-110011.

Yours sincerely,



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1. Under Secretary (RTI), Room No. 2019, JNB, MEA, New Delhi with reference to O.M. No. RTI/551/750/2014 dated 18/6/2014.
2. Dr. Gopa Sabharwal, Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University, Council for Social Development, 53, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi-110003.

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4) International status to Nalanda University

- (a)whether the Government has signed agreements with seven countries to award international status to the Nalanda University *Nalanda Div.*
- (b)if so, the names of these countries alongwith the details of the terms and conditions laid down in this regard
- (c)the time by which the university is scheduled to be functional
- (d)the number of foreign students likely to be enrolled therein and
- (e)the total foreign exchange likely to be earned therein