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Improving HEIs

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

- (a) whether Government has drawn any plan to improvise the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to meet the global standards in the country;
- (b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and
- (c) whether any roadmap has been prepared for the National Assessment and Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy (NEP)?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) and (b) The Hon'ble Finance Minister in his budget speech in 2016 announced the commitment of the Government to establish and promote world class teaching and research institutions in India. Government of India approved the scheme of providing Regulatory Architecture for setting-up world class teaching and research institutions called as 'Institutions of Eminence'. An enabling regulatory architecture was provided by the UGC notification of 'UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017' for private institutions and guidelines 'UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017' for public institutions. 12 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 and research facilities in the country.

Additionally, various initiatives taken by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under its Quality mandate such as Learning Outcome based Curriculum Framework (LOCF), Paramarsh, Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE), Consortium for Academic Research and Ethics (CARE), ICT enabled education are intended to elevate Higher Education sector to global standards.

Further, the Government has recently established a number of educational institutions in Higher Education sector such as - 7 IIMs (Sirmour, Nagpur, Sambalpur, Amritsar, Bodhgaya, Vishakhapatnam and Jammu), 6 IITs (Tirupati, Palakkad, Jammu, Bhilai, Goa, Dharwad) and ISM Dhanbad converted into IIT, 2 IISERs (Tirupati and Behrampur), 01 NIT (Andhra Pradesh), 16 IIITs (15 IIITs - PPP & 1 IIIT Kurnool), 01 Central University in Motihari, Bihar.

(c) The NEP-2020 aims to achieve global standards of quality in HEIs through the system of accreditation. In order to bring a large number of HEIs under the fold of Accreditation, UGC has already implemented a scheme, called PARAMARSH under which well-performing HEIs are provided financial assistance to mentor the non-accredited HEIs. 167 HEIs have been recognised as Mentor institutions to guide around 935 Mentee institutions. Moreover, UGC has also constituted a Committee on Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions in order to examine the existing documentation / verification processes of NAAC/NBA for simplification/rationalization and firm up an incentive-based, facilitation-oriented approach to be adopted to encourage HEIs to undertake accreditation.
