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Proportion of total Universities and colleges that are NAAC-accredited

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) proportion of total Universities and Colleges that are National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)-accredited as of March 2023, respectively;
- (b) proportion of NAAC assessors who haven't received opportunities to make site visits and those who have made multiple visits respectively;
- (c) whether site visits have been assigned to assessors outside NAAC's pool of assessors, if so, rationale for doing so;
- (d) whether it is a fact that NAAC's IT system does not have a mechanism to check data alteration in self-study reports;
- (e) details of discrepancies associated with peer-team assessment reports; and
- (f) whether Government is considering overhauling NAAC's accreditation process, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a): The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has been established as an Inter University Centre (IUC) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) for assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). According to information received from the UGC, as on 31.03.2023, NAAC has accredited approx. 38% Universities [425 out of 1,113 Universities (as per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) Report 2020-21] and approx. 21% Colleges [9198 out of 43,796 Colleges (as per AISHE Report 2020-21)].

(b) & (c): The UGC has further informed that the selection of assessors as Peer Team Members for qualitative assessment is based upon laid down criteria. Roughly around 67% of the total active assessors in the NAAC data base have accepted the Peer Team visit invitations. The remaining 33% of not utilized assessors fall under the categories of profile not completed, unavailable and drop out due to various reasons.

(d) & (e): The UGC has also informed that the entire process of assessment and accreditation is robust, ICT driven and automated. There is no possibility of data alteration in Self Study Reports submitted by HEIs to NAAC for assessment and accreditation process.

(f): For improvement in the present Accreditation and Ranking systems of the Country; as recommended by the National Education Policy-2020 and the need for adopting a more transparent, accountable, objective, method driven system of assessment, accreditation and ranking of HEIs through a technology platform; the Government has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur & Chairperson, Standing Committee of IIT Council. The ToR of this Committee inter-alia includes strengthening the accreditation processes by NAAC.
