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QUALITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

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

- (a) whether Government is considering any scheme to ensure quality of Higher Education Institutions in our country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the way to remove the inconvenience arising due to the different standards in different educational institutions;
- (d) whether Government is considering to introduce credit framework for each course; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 has been brought out duly analyzing the existing system and suggesting way forward to address the challenges. This policy envisions a complete overhaul and re-energisation of the higher education system to overcome these challenges and thereby deliver high-quality higher education, with equity and inclusion.

Accordingly, various initiatives / reforms have been introduced in higher education. These, inter-alia, include Guidelines for Transforming Higher Education Institutions into Multidisciplinary Institutions; formulation of the National Credit Framework (NCrF); formulation of National Higher Education Qualifications Framework; Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programs; University Grants Commission (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulations; Guidelines for Multiple Entry and Exit in Academic Programmes offered in the HEIs; Guidelines for pursuing two Academic Programmes simultaneously; the University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations; Guidelines for engaging Professors of Practice in higher educational institutions. The National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF) has also been released which will ensure international equivalence and comparability nationally and internationally thereby facilitating mobility.

(d) & (e): The University Grants Commission has notified the NCrF on 10th April, 2023, providing a standardized and transparent system for measuring learning outcomes and awarding credits. The framework is available at https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/9028476_Report-of-National-Credit-Framework.pdf.
