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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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Reforms in accreditation system

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to implement reforms based on the recommendations made by Dr K Radhakrishnan Committee on reforms in accreditation system of India's Higher Education Institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of progress made in this respect under the PARAMARSH Scheme, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the proposed measures to be taken thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): For strengthening the Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), the Government of India constituted a High Level Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur & Chairperson, Standing Committee of IIT Council.

This Committee considered the introduction of strategic reforms consistent with the vision of the National Education Policy, 2020 and the need for adopting a simple, trust-based, objective and rationalized system for accreditation and ranking of HEIs with a verifiable and secured centralized database through technology-driven systems. The recommendations made by the Committee have been accepted. The report is available on the website of Ministry of Education at https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/document-reports/reforms_moe.pdf.

(c) & (d): With the main objective of enhancing the overall quality of the mentee institutions and mentoring the non-accredited HEIs to enable them to get accredited, the University Grants Commission (UGC) introduced the 'PARAMARSH' scheme during 2019. As informed by the UGC, the Expert Committee recommended 167 mentor institutions. The duration of the scheme was for a period of one year and further extension of one more year was granted till 30.09.2021. The State-wise List of Mentor and Mentee Institutions is available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1978088_STATE-WISE-DETAILS-OF-PARAMARSH.pdf

Further, the number of accredited institutions has increased substantially with various outreach efforts by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and the impact of PARAMARSH Scheme. As on date, 457 universities and 9795 colleges are accredited by NAAC.
