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NAAC Ranking Under New Education Policy

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NAAC ranking criteria will be changed under the New Education policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the implementation of new criteria will result in a decline in the NAAC ranking for established institutions; and
- (d) whether Government will reconsider reducing the NAAC grading?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 envisions that in the short term, a robust system of graded accreditation shall be established, which will specify phased benchmarks for all HEIs to achieve set levels of quality, self-governance, and autonomy. Further, in the long run, accreditation will become a binary process, as per the extant global practice.

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

Accordingly, the Executive Committee of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in its 104th meeting held on 27th January, 2024 decided to implement the recommended reforms in two stages. It has decided to redesign the methodologies and formats based upon the recommendations of Dr. Radhakrishnan Committee report incorporating the data collection and validation process.
