

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**Peer Perception in NIRF Higher Education Ranking**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to address regional bias and lack of transparency in the 'peer perception' scoring process;
- (b) whether Government has planned to review or redefine the 'peer perception' criterion to ensure a fair representation of all higher education institutions, including those in suburban and rural areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government acknowledges the adverse impact of this flawed ranking system on State-run institutions' access to funding and their reputations, given the Ministry's reliance on National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings for funding allocations under national schemes?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
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(a) to (c): National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was launched in 2015 by the Government of India for the annual ranking of institutions/ universities of higher education in India (called India Rankings), to promote a healthy competition among educational institutes and universities. NIRF has several factors for ranking of institutes, including Peer Perception. The Peer Perception survey is an online survey where the respondent has to provide the institution's name at the national level as well as at the regional level.

The Peer Perception survey is a part of various rankings across the globe, it measures the reach and visibility of institutions among academicians and employers. Institutions having good visibility attract better academicians and also industry which in turn help in building students' future. NIRF has 10 per cent weightage for peer perception whereas weightage of 33 to 45 per cent is used by international agencies for rankings of Universities/Institutions.

To ensure appropriate representation of States Public Universities in National ranking, a separate category of "State Public Universities" has been started for NIRF Rankings from 2024.

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