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Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) for students

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the law and rules under which the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) for students has been rolled out and initiated by the Ministry;
- (b) whether enrollment of students under APAAR is voluntary or mandatory;
- (c) the details of the policies, guidelines, and criteria for empanelment of schools under APAAR; and
- (d) the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) and policy used for creating and verifying APAAR IDs?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d) The Government of India has framed and approved the National Education Policy 2020 with an aim to provide holistic and multidisciplinary education with multiple entry and exit facility. It also aims to ensure universal access to education at all levels, equitable and inclusive education and lifelong learning ecosystem.

To achieve these objectives, a registry framework is required to identify each entity to track the academic and skilling journey of the students/learners throughout his life with many uses such as transfer of credits, transfer from one institute to other institute etc.

Accordingly, Ministry of Education launched Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) Scheme for the seamless interaction amongst the stakeholders of the education ecosystem. The scheme aims to facilitate vertical & horizontal mobility and to integrate academic and vocational education. It stores academic achievements, co-curricular accomplishments, and their easy verification across institutions.

The Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID, a unique identifier under the ABC scheme can be created voluntarily through DigiLocker. The detailed process for enrolment for students and institutions are available at <https://apaar.education.gov.in/resource> and <https://www.abc.gov.in/>. All State Governments have also been communicated the process to be followed for enrolment of the students along with the role of the parents in this process.
