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Discrepancies in NAAC ratings

1937 Shri Yerram Venkata Subba Reddy:

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

- (a) whether any instances/cases have come before Government by Institutions/Universities bribing National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) officials or inspection teams for a favourable grade or for other purposes;
- (b) if so, details thereof and action taken so far on NAAC officials and such Institutions/Universities, institution-wise; and
- (c) what preventive measures Government is going to take to prevent recurrence of such instances?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (c): National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has taken significant measures to tighten its Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) protocols and has implemented a series of corrective and preventive measures designed to enhance credibility, secure data handling, and ensure ethical conduct throughout the assessment process. These include finalizing peer teams 15 days to a month before visits instead of 2–3 months in advance, making the visits online for colleges and hybrid for universities and recording the proceedings of meetings, scrutinizing and re-confirming the results of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) by NAAC etc.

For strengthening the Assessment and Accreditation of HEIs, the Government of India constituted a High-Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Radhakrishnan. This Committee considered the introduction of strategic reforms consistent with the vision of the NEP, 2020 and the need for adopting a simple, trust based, objective and rationalized system for approval, accreditation and ranking of HEIs through technology-driven systems. It also considered global best practices on accreditation. The recommendations made by the Committee have been approved by the Ministry. The report of this Committee is available at <http://naac.gov.in/images/docs/DrRadhakrishnanCommittee-FinalReport.pdf>

Based on the accepted recommendations, NAAC is implementing the reforms in two phases- Introduction of Basic/ Binary Accreditation followed by Maturity Based Graded Levels (MBGLs) to enable (HEIs) to progress towards excellence. NAAC has held outreach programmes and focused consultations with State Higher Education authorities to sensitize them about the new accreditation methodology for HEIs.