# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. **467**TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

## **Digital Degrees**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that it is proposing to make all degrees and certificates digital from the year 2017, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it would be done through National Academic Depository to check the problem of fake certificates; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (c): The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 has accorded its approval for establishment and operationalisation of the National Academic Depository (NAD) on the pattern of securities depository. NAD will comprise of two inter-operable digital depositories viz, NSDL Database Management Limited (NDML) and CDSL Ventures Limited (CVL).

NAD shall be a 24x7 online store house of academic awards digitally lodged by various academic institutions/boards/eligibility assessment bodies. These awards shall cover degrees, diplomas, certificates, mark-sheets including awards issued for skill development. Maintenance of academic awards in a digital depository will enable online access, retrieval and verification of these awards. It will be operationalised shortly.

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