

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 112
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2017

Importance of Field Inspection

112. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government proposes to reduce the importance of field inspection of colleges and Universities and instead rely more on self disclosures before granting accreditation;
- (b) if so, whether this move is expected to reduce subjectivity in institution evaluation and restrict use of unfair means in getting higher grades despite poor quality of the teaching learning environment and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to revamp the National Assessment and Accreditation Council; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Union Budget Speech for 2017-18, states that a revised framework will be put in place for outcome based accreditation. In compliance to the announcement, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), has revised its existing accreditation framework of Higher Educational Institutions, after extensive stakeholder consultations, with a view to make it robust, objective, transparent and outcome oriented. The new methodology is a combination of Quantitative and Qualitative aspects, largely based on quantitative data capture and system generated pre-qualifier scores followed by a qualitative assessment through on-site peer review. As per the revised framework, the outcome of online data assessment, student survey results and peer evaluation will determine the accreditation status of applicant Higher Educational Institutions. This framework will ensure increased objectivity and transparency in assessment and accreditation processes in the Higher Educational Institutions.
