GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1262 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2017

NAAC Regional Centre

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

- (a) whether the Government has received a proposal from the State Government of Chhattisgarh for the establishment of the regional office of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its status;
- (c) whether the State Government has given its consent to make land available free of cost for establishing the office in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government of Chhattisgarh vide their letter dated 16-09-2014 had requested the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to consider setting up of a regional office of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). In their proposal, the Government of Chhattisgarh had also committed to provide land and other infrastructure support for the purpose. The University Grants Commission (UGC) considered the request of Government of Chhattisgarh along with requests received from other States and advised that the expansion and strengthening of NAAC should be carried out in a phased manner by setting up of regional offices of NAAC on the campuses of Central Universities at Shillong, Delhi and Hyderabad. UGC has now informed that the accreditation framework of NAAC has undergone extensive reforms where the revised framework is largely based on quantitative data capture through an Information Technology (IT) enabled system along with a minimal peer review. Therefore, setting up of any additional regional office of NAAC will depend on the quantum of future work load and requirement of such an office in a particular location.
