

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.1573  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018

**New Grading Pattern by NAAC**

1573. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

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

- (a) whether the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has introduced a new grading pattern, if so, the details thereof along with the criteria used to grade such institutions;
- (b) whether this new pattern would introduce healthy competition among the institutions and improve the quality of such institutions;
- (c) the details of the educational institutions that have been graded under this new system along with their gradings, State/UT-wise including Gujarat; and
- (d) the institutions which have bagged the prestigious A++ grade under this pattern and whether this number is low, if so, the reasons behind it and the steps undertaken by the Government to improve the situation?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(Dr. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has introduced a revised grading pattern with effect from July 2017. The NAAC has identified the following seven criteria to serve as the basis for its assessment of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs):

- Curricular Aspects
- Teaching-learning and evaluation
- Research, consultancy and extension
- Infrastructure and learning resources
- Student support and progression
- Governance , Leadership and Management
- Innovations and Best Practices

As per the revised grading system, HEIs are awarded eight types of letter grades viz. A++, A+, A, B++, B+, B, C and D. HEIs with Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) ranging between 3.51 and 4.00 get the highest grade of accreditation i.e. 'A++' whereas, institutions with CGPA of 1.5 or less are not accredited. The revised grading pattern has the potential to make differentiation within HEIs in terms of their qualitative performance and to ensure healthy competition among these institutions to improve the standards of Higher Education.

(c) & (d): NAAC has stated that peer team visits under the new grading pattern will commence from March 2018.

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