

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

**LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018**

Ranking and Accreditation System

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce a national ranking and accreditation system to identify quality institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the current status of the system and the time by which it would get fully functional;
- (c) the manner in which the system would help to encourage private players; and
- (d) the extent to which it is likely to help in achieving excellent education and facilitate Research and Development in Higher Education?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) : The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) on 29th September, 2015 to rank institutions across the country. The parameters for ranking broadly cover "Teaching, Learning and Resources," "Research and Professional Practices," "Graduation Outcomes," "Outreach and Inclusivity," and "Perception".

In India, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) does the institutional assessment and accreditation, while National Board of Accreditation (NBA) does programmatic accreditation of technical programmes and courses.

(b) : India Rankings 2016 and 2017 have already been released which are available at '<https://www.nirfindia.org/Home>'. India Rankings, 2018 is set to release in the first week of April 2018.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued the Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions, Regulations, 2012, whereby all eligible Higher Educational institutions are required to get themselves accredited.

To rationalize the expansion of courses in engineering / technical, management etc. and to bring quality in technical education, AICTE has made it mandatory to have NBA Accreditation for institutions seeking new courses / expansion of existing courses.

(c) : Ranking promotes competition among the Universities and drive them to strive for excellence. Government has also started a scheme called 'Institutions of Eminence' in which 20 institutions both public and private, would be selected on challenge method and they would be actively supported to come up in the global rankings.

(d) : In NIRF, to promote Research and Development in Higher Education, 'Research and Professional Practices' has been given the highest weightage of 40%, for ranking Universities.
