Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Universities and colleges in the country are still operating without accreditation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to bring all the educational institutions, Universities and colleges under accreditation system at the earliest for the benefit of students?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): The National Education Policy, 2020 envisions all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to aim, through their Institutional Development Plans (IDPs), to attain the highest level of accreditation over the next 15 years. The accreditation of Universities and Colleges is done by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an Inter University Centre of the University Grants Commission (UGC). As per the information received from the UGC, out of the 1113 Universities and 43796 Colleges as per the All India Survey on Higher Education Report 2020-21, as on 31.01.2023, NAAC has accredited 418 Universities and 9062 Colleges.

Further, as informed by the UGC, to bring all the Educational Institutions, Universities and Colleges under accreditation system, NAAC has considerably reduced the fee structure for Assessment and Accreditation. The metrics/questions in the manual for self-study report for affiliated/constituent Colleges have also been considerably reduced.

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