

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1624
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020

National Institutional Ranking Framework

1624. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

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

- (a) whether Ind-SAT is proposed to be held in Asian and African countries under “Study in India” programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has accorded permission to run the degree level full-fledged online education program by Top-100 institutions in the National Institutional Ranking Framework;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other important steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL ‘NISHANK’)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ind-SAT exam has been introduced to select foreign students for granting scholarships to foreign students under “Champion Services Sector Scheme” being implemented under “ Study in India (SII)” programme. In the first year the exam will be conducted in 13 of the target countries under SII. The exam will be conducted by National Testing agency (NTA) and after evaluation, the final list of deserving candidates will be published.

(c) to (e) : Yes, Sir. In order to provide quality education to students of deprived sections of the society as well as those who do not have access to higher education, Government of India has started degree level full-fledged online education programme. This can be offered only by the Higher Educational Institutions, which fulfills the following conditions (i) existence of Universities/ institutes for at least 5 years, (ii) minimum NAAC score of 3.26 and (iii) should be top 100 in overall category in NIRF for at least 2 years during previous 3 years. So far 7 Universities with 37 courses of different levels have been approved.
