

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3113  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021**

**Fake degrees**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to issue directions to make the record of the degrees from all the Government Private Universities of the Country available online or keep it on any other secured platform so as to check the corruption of fake degrees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

**(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) & (b): The Government has established the National Academic Depository (NAD) as an online storehouse of academic awards including degrees, diplomas, certificates, mark-sheets lodged by the academic institutions / boards / eligibility assessment bodies in a digital format. NAD is, thus, a 24x7 online mode for making available academic awards and helps in validating their authenticity, their safe storage and easy retrieval. This helps eliminating fraudulent practices such as forging of certificates and mark-sheets etc. The UGC has been designated as the implementing agency for NAD.

(c): Does not arise.

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