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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 168
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021

National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)

168.   SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government is planning to bring strict regulations concerning the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) to avoid false certification and if so, the details thereof;

(b)   whether the Government is planning to make changes to the schedule of NIOS exams and results in accordance with the other boards in the country to achieve fair admission process for higher education; and

(c)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(**SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN**)

(a):   National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), an autonomous Organisation, Ministry of Education does certification as per Bye-Laws Governing examinations and certifications 2012. For certificate verification, the old records are already uploaded in NIOS website since 1990. So, the verification can be done by entering the enrollment number of the concerned learner. The data is also aligned with DigiLocker and accordingly the verification of the result documents could also be done through DigiLocker. In case of any dispute, the authentication of the documents can also be verified by the Evaluation Department. Usually, the employer (Govt./Private) gets the authentication of the documents from the NIOS Authority (Evaluation Department). NIOS certificates also contain water mark and QR code to avoid counterfeiting of the documents.

(b) and (c):   NIOS conducts Public exams twice in a year in the month of March-April & October-November every year. The learner gets nine (09) chances to appear in the exams till his/her certification. Besides, the public exams, NIOS also provides opportunity to learners to appear in On Demand Exams (ODE) as and when the learner is ready for exams. NIOS also provides opportunity to the learner to improve their performance in ODE till the learners' satisfaction. NIOS continually evolves its system as per requirement.

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