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Decline in NIRF ranking of Public Institutions

1044. Shri Chavda Vinod Lakhmshi:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been more than 20% change in the rankings of Indian Universities as per the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024 in comparison to NIRF 2023;
- (b) whether more private Universities have improved their ranking than the Public Institutions like IISERs and IITs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the ranking of Public Institutions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d): National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was launched in 2015 by the Government of India for the annual ranking of institutions/ universities of higher education in India (called India Rankings), to promote a healthy competition among educational institutes and universities. The methodology of these rankings is based on five broad parameters which are “Teaching, Learning and Resources,” “Research and Professional Practices,” “Graduation Outcomes,” “Outreach and Inclusivity,” and “Peer Perception”.

As per NIRF 2024 India Rankings, 82 institutions, in the Top 100 in “Overall Category” have shown an increase in total score achieved in 2024 as compared to 2023. This indicates their improvement on parameters of NIRF. Further, among the Top 100 institutions ranked in “Overall Category” in the 2024 India Rankings, 36 government institutions have improved or retained their ranks while 24 private institutions have improved or retained their ranks.

In alignment with the objectives of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, there is a thrust on improving the overall quality of education in HEIs. While numerous initiatives have been institutionalised in Centrally Funded Institutions for this purpose, Government of India also provides financial support to State Governments under Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)/ Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) scheme under three components namely, “Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select State Universities”, “Infrastructure Grants to Universities” and “Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU)” for improvement in Higher Education.

Further, National Board of Accreditation (NBA) is also conducting workshops at regular intervals for generating awareness about India Rankings.
