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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 17/03/2025

Substantial Reforms under NAAC

2568. Shri V K Sreekandan:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has removed approx 900 peer assessors from evaluation duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the National Assessment and Accreditation Council has also parallelly onboard 1,000 new assessors during the last year in three rounds of recruitment;

(d) whether it is a fact that the National Assessment and Accreditation Council has undertaken substantial reforms to enhance the integrity and transparency of its accreditation process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): As informed by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), over the last one and a half years, NAAC has looked at various aspects like feedback, variation in working protocols, providing incorrect information by NAAC Assessors and has removed 840 Assessors. Further, NAAC continuously updates its database of Assessors by including new Assessors who are eminent academicians/education administrators. NAAC has added 1461 Assessors in 2023-24 and 2024-25.

(d) & (e): For strengthening the Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), the Government of India constituted a High Level Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur & Chairperson, Standing Committee of IIT Council. This Committee has considered the introduction of strategic reforms consistent with the vision of the National Education Policy, 2020 and the need for adopting a simple, trust-based, objective and rationalized system for approval, accreditation and ranking of HEIs through technology-driven systems. The recommendations made by the Committee have been approved by the Ministry.

The Executive Committee of NAAC has adopted the recommendations of the Dr Radhakrishnan's Committee report.
