

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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APAAR for Digital Education

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to address the privacy and data security concern regarding the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) system, especially for students under 18 years of age;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to integrate the APAAR system with other digital initiatives in education;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the uniform implementation of the above system in the urban and rural areas, especially in the far-flung and under-privileged areas;
- (d) whether the Government has the data regarding the expected duplicate or false certificates which will be curbed with the above system, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to expand APAAR system beyond school education to track skill development and professional certifications, creating a lifelong academic record for all citizens in next 10 years, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (e) The Government of India has launched National Education Policy 2020 with an aim to provide holistic and multidisciplinary education with multiple entry and exit facility. It also aims to ensure universal access to education at all levels, equitable and inclusive education and lifelong learning ecosystem.

To achieve these objectives, a registry framework is required to identify each entity to track the academic and skilling journey of the students/learners throughout his life with many uses such as transfer of credits, transfer from one institute to other institute etc. It also aims to facilitate and track, the integration of programme with skill component, choice-based courses, planning and improvement in curriculum as per the requirement of stakeholders.

Accordingly, Ministry of Education has launched Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) Scheme on 29th July 2021 to create unique id for seamless interaction amongst the stakeholders of the education ecosystem. Scheme aims to facilitate flexibility of curriculum framework, multiple entry multiple exits, interdisciplinary mobility of the students with appropriate “Credit transfer”, and enables visibility to progress and targeted decision-making at multiple levels. **APAAR ID is designed to accumulate credits awarded from School Education, Higher Education as well as Skill Institutions.**

In February 2024, to expand the reach of APAAR initiative to every corner of the nation, the Ministry of Education has partnered with CSC e-Governance Services India Limited to facilitate the creation of APAAR ID.

Detail process for enrolment for students/learners and institutions are available on <https://www.abc.gov.in>. All State Governments have also been communicated the process to be followed for enrolment of the students along with the role of the parents in this process. Data Security and Privacy guidelines prescribed by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) **have** been followed to ensure safety and privacy of data.
