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National Academic Depository (NAD)

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of progress of the National Academic Depository pilot;
- (b) the challenges being faced by the Government in implementation of the Scheme; and
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to expand its scope and adoption?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The National Academic Depository (NAD) is a digital initiative of the Government of India. It aims to provide a secure digital repository for educational documents including certificates, diplomas, degrees, and marksheets. The recognised academic institutions, boards, assessment bodies etc. upload the educational documents on the NAD portal. NAD facilitates easy access and retrieval of digital educational documents for all stakeholders, while ensuring their authenticity and preservation in an efficient manner.

Digital India Corporation (DIC) under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology is the technical partner for Ministry of Education for implementing NAD initiative. To increase the adoption of NAD, the Ministry of Education in collaboration with DIC has taken several steps to promote the adoption of NAD through extensive outreach; including nationwide workshops, regular training sessions, and targeted awareness campaigns for the institutions that are uploading the educational documents.

In collaboration with DIC the Ministry of Education has also launched the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) scheme which builds on the digital infrastructure of NAD. ABC streamlines credit recognition, accumulation, transfer, and redemption. Under the ABC scheme, a 12-digit unique identifier, Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID has been created for seamless interaction amongst the stakeholders of the education ecosystem and to effectively map the lifelong journey of the learners.

As on date, 2564 degree/credit awarding institutions are registered on ABC portal, more than 5 Crore APAAR Id have been created in higher education ecosystem along with 4.62 Crore credit records mapped with these IDs on ABC portal. The NAD platform has recorded more than 103 crore digital educational documents uploads so far.
