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Indian Higher Educational Institutions in Global Top-100 Rankings

1432. Ms Sayani Ghosh:

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Indian higher educational institutions, including universities and Institutes of National Importance, that have featured within the top 100 positions of major global university rankings since 2014, ranking-agency-wise, such as QS, Times Higher Education and ARWU, year-wise and rank-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that very few or none of the Indian universities have consistently remained within the top 100 of global university rankings in recent years despite repeated policy announcements aimed at improving their global competitiveness, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment to ascertain the reasons for the continued absence or decline of Indian institutions, including IITs and Central Universities from the top 100 global rankings and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the Institutions of Eminence (IoE) scheme since its inception, institute-wise along with expenditure incurred by each institution?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (c): Government of India has taken a number of steps to enhance quality of education in Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) in the country. These include provision of quality infrastructure, strengthening of the research and innovation ecosystem and promotion of industry–academia linkages etc.

The above initiatives have contributed to significant improvements in the performance of Indian HEIs in international rankings, such as the QS World University Rankings (QS WUR). A total of 54 Indian Institutions have been ranked in the QS WUR 2026. This is India's highest ever representation, marking a growth from 11 institutions in QS WUR 2015 to 54 in QS WUR 2026. Eight Indian Institutions have been ranked for the first time, which is the highest number for any country in this edition, both within G20 and globally. Details of international rankings, including the performance of Indian institutions, are published by the respective ranking agencies on their official websites.

Since 2014, augmentation of Higher Education ecosystem has been undertaken by establishment of new Central Higher Educational Institutions (CHEIs) in the fields of Technical Education, Management, Science Education & Research, Information Technology and Humanities. CHEIs are envisaged to function as pace setter institutions to provide academic leadership to other institutions in the region. Since 2014, 16 Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIIT), 8 Central Universities (CU), 8 Indian Institute of Management (IIM), 7 Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), 2 Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) and 1 National Institute of Technology (NIT) have been established.

Further, Ministry of Education has instituted robust accreditation and ranking mechanisms through National Board of Accreditation (NBA) and the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) respectively. NIRF launched in 2015 has been publishing India Rankings annually, which has galvanised the Indian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to a more competitive environment. NBA has also been organising mentoring workshops sharing best practices and acquainting Indian HEIs with the methodology and procedure for participating in International Rankings.

(d): Ministry of Education launched the World Class Institutions scheme in the year 2017 to grant the status of Institution of Eminence (IoE) to 10 higher educational institutions each from the public and private category and enable them to emerge as world class teaching and research institutions. Twelve institutions have been notified as IoE so far. These include 08 public category institutions, namely - IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IISc Bangalore, BHU Varanasi, University of Hyderabad and University of Delhi and 04 private category institutions namely - BITS Pilani, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, O.P. Jindal Global University and Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida. Only public institutions are provided funds under the scheme. An amount of Rs 6198.99 Crore (approximately) has been sanctioned for the 08 public institutions since the inception of the scheme.
