GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 140
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.04.2016
Ranking Framework

†140.   SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government has introduced a National Institutions Ranking Framework (NIRF) for monitoring the performance of higher educational institutions in the country;

(b)   if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the NIRF;

(c)   whether the Government has excluded Open Universities and certain institutions of higher learning from NIRF;

(d)   if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e)   whether the Government has any plan for including all the institutions of higher learning into the NIRF and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has been launched on September 29, 2015 to facilitate benchmarking and comparing the higher educational institutions. It would promote competition between the institutions and would help them to understand their areas of strength and weakness and to take corrective action as necessary. The NIRF has five broad parameters under which educational institutions would be compared and ranked. These pertain to (i) Teaching, Learning and Resources (ii) Research, Projects and Collaborative Performance (iii) Graduation Outcomes (iv) Outreach and Inclusivity and (v) Peer and Public Perception. Each of these has several sub-parameters, for which a score is computed based on data supplied by the Institution and also extracted from independent sources.

(c) & (d): NIRF is operating in five domains, viz., Universities, Engineering, Management, Pharmacy and Architecture. The Open Universities have been excluded as their performance cannot be evaluated easily based on the parameters prescribed in NIRF.

(e): At present there is no such plan.

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