GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2354 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2016

National Level Accreditation Body

2354. SHRI J. J. T. NATTERJEE:

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

(a) whether the Government is having a National level accreditation body to maintain uniformity and standards in library science education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to abandon library science courses without adequate facilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (e): There is no national level accreditation body to specifically maintain uniformity and the standards in library science education in the country. However, institutions offering library science as a discipline can undergo institutional accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

Universities are autonomous in the matter of offering a particular stream or discipline for study in their courses and provide adequate facilities and qualified faculty. The purpose of institutional accreditation is to make the institution aware, through a participative process, of the quality status of its programmes.
