

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:215
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2010
NATIONAL DATA BASE OF ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any progress has been made in the setting up of a national data base of academic qualifications in an electronic format by a registered depository;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard and the steps taken by the Government to curb frauds relating to forging certificates and marksheets?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 215 FOR 24.11.2010, ASKED BY SHRI MANICKA TAGORE, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, REGARDING NATIONAL DATA BASE OF ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS.

(a) to (c). A legislative proposal has been prepared by the government for the purposes of creating and maintaining a national electronic database of academic awards, namely National Academic Depository Bill, 2010. The proposal envisages creation of National Academic Depository (NAD) for the purpose. The draft proposal was placed before the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) in its 57th meeting held on 19th June, 2010. CABE considered and unanimously endorsed the legislative proposal, which mandates academic institutions – universities, higher educational institutions, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and States Boards of Education to entrust academic awards for dematerialization by an authorized Depository to be appointed under the proposed legislation for secure storage, authenticated access, online verification and efficient retrieval while ensuring confidentiality, fidelity and authenticity. Proposal is in the process of inter- ministerial consultations. The National Academic Depository Bill, 2010, once enacted, would ensure that all frauds relating to forging of certificates and mark-sheets are curbed.