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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up National Academic Depository (NAD) to create data base of all academic records;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the proposed NAD is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has introduced the National Academic Depository Bill, 2011 in Parliament on 5.9.2011. The Bill aims to provide for establishment of a National Academic Depository (NAD) for dematerializing the academic awards and certificates and their maintenance in a central database in electronic format. The objective is to enable easy online access of academic awards by educational institutions, students and employers and eliminate the need for any person to approach educational institutions for obtaining transcripts of such awards or marks-sheets for verification etc.

It would also eliminate fraudulent practices such as the forging of certificates and marks-sheets, by facilitating online verification thereof.

(c): The NAD would come into force after the passage of the Bill by the Parliament and Presidential Assent.