

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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QUALITATIVE STANDARD OF UNIVERSITIES COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether the qualitative standard of the universities and colleges of the country is quite low;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to raise the qualitative standard of the universities and colleges; and
- (d) the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Accreditation by an independent, third party agency is the only credible way of assessing and evaluating the academic quality of a higher educational institution. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has reported that it has accredited 179 Universities and 5224 Colleges in the Country, out of which, 70 universities and 854 colleges have received 'A' grade, 103 universities and 3397 colleges 'B' grade and only 6 universities and 973 colleges have received 'C' grade.

(c) & (d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued the UGC (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 to make assessment and accreditation mandatory for all higher educational institutions. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has also issued similar Regulations in 2014. The UGC has laid down minimum qualifications for the appointment of teachers and academic staff in Universities and Colleges. The UGC (Minimum qualifications for appointment of teaching staff in universities and colleges and measures for the maintenance of standards) Regulations, 2010 specify these minimum qualifications. The UGC has also laid down the UGC(Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 and UGC(Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 for maintaining standards in Deemed to be Universities and Private Universities respectively.

The UGC under its various schemes releases grants to universities and colleges to improve access and quality of higher education. The UGC has reported that it implements various schemes for improving the quality of higher education, such as Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE), Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE), Special Assistance Programme (SAP), Assistance for Strengthening of Infrastructure for Science and Technology (ASIST), Assistance for Strengthening of Infrastructure for Humanities and Social Sciences, etc.