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Title: Need to constitute a high-power committee to supervise the quality of higher education institutions in both public and private sector in the country.

PROF. RICHARD HAY (NOMINATED): Hon. Chairperson, Sir, I rise to speak about the very critical issue related to the University system – the higher education system in India. Indian higher education system has to be competitive to catch up with the other countries of the world. Even JNU, which is being considered as a very premium institution in the country, does not find its name in the list of top 200 universities in the world. So, what have we to do in this regard? The quality of infrastructure and quality of research facilities in the human resource have to be enhanced so that the country meets the challenge of the new millennium.

In this digital era, our university and college students must have free access to internet and be able to use the best of softwares to convert knowledge into action and help accelerated growth and development of the country. The working of AICTE, UGC and NCTE have to be regularly supervised and monitored by the HRD Ministry as to find out whether they are acting as catalyst for change, growth and quality enhancement of the higher education institutions. The Government must have some control over the private institutions, especially to find whether they are maintaining the expected standards through a policy of accreditation. There should not be any compromise regarding the standards or performance of both the public and the private sector higher education institutions in the country. Hence, it is urged upon the hon. Minister for Human Resource Development to constitute a high-power committee to supervise the quality of higher education institutions in both the sectors in the country and take steps to raise their quality to international standards.

Thank you.

HON. CHAIRPERSON : Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra and Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Prof. Richard Hay.