

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:41
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2007
CENTRAL SUPPORT TO UNAIDED COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch schemes to fund unaided colleges and schools in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the standard of education imparted by these institutions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 41 FOR ANSWER ON 14 AUGUST, 2007 ASKED BY DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA REGARDING CENTRAL SUPPORT TO UNAIDED COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Government does not have any such proposal for funding un-aided, self-financing schools and colleges in various States. However, in the Xlth Plan, it is proposed that University Grants Commission (UGC) would cover some of the hitherto uncovered Colleges and Universities, whether Government aided or unaided, which are not self-financing, under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, to make them eligible for financial assistance from the Central Government/ UGC, subject to availability of resources.

(c) & (d): Assessment of standard of education is primarily the responsibility of the Universities with which the colleges are affiliated. However, UGC is responsible for the coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of University education. An Inter-University Centre, namely, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is mandated to assess and accredit public and private institutions of higher learning. As on 31-3-2007, it has assessed 3632 institutions, (140 University level institutions and 3492 colleges). Accreditation by NAAC is not compulsory at present. In the field of Technical Education, the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) constituted under the provisions of the AICTE Act 1987 accredits programmes in technical educational institutions.

There is no formalized system of assessment of all schools in the country. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) assesses the performance of all schools affiliated to it. Similarly, State Boards have their own systems of assessment.