

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

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

- (a) the number of universities and educational institutes got assessed and accredited through National Assessment and Accreditation Council; (NAAC);
- (b) whether the rating given by NAAC is linked to the grants sanctioned to the universities and colleges;
- (c) if so, the future of students studying in under rated Government institutes vis-à-vis their employment;
- (d) whether the Government is considering of any mean to bail out the students; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

- (a) According to information furnished by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and the University Grants Commission (UGC), 113 universities and 2088 colleges have been accredited till date.
- (b) The rating given by the NAAC is not linked to the grants sanctioned to the Universities/Colleges.
- (c) to (e): As per Section 22 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the Universities established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, State Act or an institution deemed to be a university are empowered to award degrees which are specified by the UGC. These degrees are valid for all purposes, including employment, even in case the rating by NAAC is low.