- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether government conducts any study to ascertain the quality of education in Government schools; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (d) The States/UTs have been financially supported through Central Government's flagship programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to recruit additional teachers to improve the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR), regular annual-inservice teacher training to all teachers to update their skills and knowledge, distribution of free textbooks to all children, two sets of uniforms to all girls, SC/ST and BPL boys, support for Computer Aided Learning at upper primary level and regular academic support through Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres.

Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat, a sub-programme under SSA has been launched to enhance the quality of foundational learning in languages and early mathematics in classes 1 and 2. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducts National Achievement Surveys (NAS), every three years, for classes III, V and VIII. Three rounds of NAS have been conducted by the NCERT which reveal improvement in various subjects in all classes in most States, though the achievement level remain low.

Accreditation of universities by NAAC

- 330. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) how many State Universities have been accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) during the last three years;
 - (b) the details thereof. State-wise:
 - (c) the grades given by NAAC to these universities; and
- (d) the steps the Ministry plans to improve the performance of these universities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has informed that 28 universities have been accredited during the last 3 years. The details are given in Statement (*See* below).

(d) 23 out of these 28 Universities are accredited with the highest grade *i.e.* Grade A (Very Good) and the remaining are having Grade B(Good) accreditation. The University Grants Commission is implementing several schemes in the XIIth Plan for providing enhanced funding to Universities having Grade A accreditation. The UGC has several schemes for fellowships and scholarships to students enrolled in Research Programmes in institutions declared fit under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 to receive grants. A list of these schemes is available at www.ugc.ac.in. The UGC has requested Universities to adopt the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) which involves semesterization of curricula; restructuring of syllabi in the form of modules; standardization of examinations; and switching over from numerical marking system to grading system.

Under the centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), the overall quality of State higher educational institutions is sought to be improved by adoption of accreditation as a mandatory quality assurances framework and to be eligible for receiving funding under RUSA.

Statement

State Universities accredited by NAAC over the last three years (January 2012 to December 2014)

| S1.No | . Name of the University | State | CGPA | Grade | Cycle |
|-------|---|----------------|------|-------|---------|
| 1. | Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University | Andhra Pradesh | 2.57 | В | Cycle1 |
| 2. | Indira Kala Sangit Vishwavidyalaya | Chhattisgarh | 3.11 | A | Cycle1 |
| 3. | Goa University | Goa | 3.09 | A | Cycle3 |
| 4. | Saurashtra University | Gujarat | 3.05 | A | Cycle3 |
| 5. | Maharshi Dayanand University | Haryana | 3.03 | A | Cycle2 |
| 6. | Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology | Haryana | 3.28 | A | Cycle3 |
| 7. | Tumkur University | Karnataka | 2.26 | В | Cycle-1 |
| 8. | Mangalore University | Karnataka | 3.09 | A | Cycle2 |
| 9. | Karnatak University | Karnataka | 3.15 | A | Cycle3 |
| 10. | Kannada University | Karnataka | 3.02 | A | Cycle2 |
| 11. | University of Mysore | Karnataka | 3.47 | A | Cycle3 |
| 12. | Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit | Kerala | 3.03 | A | Cycle1 |

| S1.No | . Name of the University | State | CGPA | Grade | Cycle |
|-------|---|----------------|------|-------|---------|
| 13. | Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya | Madhya Pradesh | 3.09 | A | Cycle3 |
| 14. | Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University | Maharashtra | 3.07 | A | Cycle-2 |
| 15. | Mumbai University | Maharashtra | 3.05 | A | cycle-2 |
| 16. | Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University | New Delhi | 3.05 | A | Cycle-2 |
| 17. | Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University | New Delhi | 3.02 | A | Cycle1 |
| 18. | Mohanlal Sukhadia University | Rajasthan | 3.11 | A | Cycle2 |
| 19. | Bharathidasan University | Tamil Nadu | 3.16 | A | Cycle2 |
| 20. | University of Madras | Tamil Nadu | 3.32 | A | Cycle3 |
| 21. | Anna University | Tamil Nadu | 3.46 | A | Cycle2 |
| 22. | Madurai Kamaraj University | Tamil Nadu | 3.08 | A | Cycle3 |
| 23. | Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith | Uttar Pradesh | 2.41 | В | Cycle2 |
| 24. | University of Lucknow | Uttar Pradesh | 2.76 | В | Cycle2 |
| 25. | Amity University | Uttar Pradesh | 3.13 | A | Cycle-1 |
| 26. | Sampurnanand Sanskrit University | Uttar Pradesh | 3.06 | A | Cycle 2 |
| 27. | University of Petroleum & Energy Studies | Uttarakhand | 2.79 | В | Cycle-1 |
| 28. | Jadavpur University | West Bengal | 3.68 | A | Cycle3 |

Upgradation of institutes into IITs and NITs

- $331.\ SHRI\ MOHD.\ ALI\ KHAN:$ Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has upgraded many institutes as IITs and NITs in the country; and $\frac{1}{2}$
 - (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise during the last five years?