

(e) if so, whether Government is considering to take any concrete measures to address the issues, if any, being faced by NAAC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has informed that it has carried out Peer Team Visits for 540 Universities and 11424 Colleges till 03/07/2018.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. NAAC has informed that it has been able to achieve its set targets. Further, NAAC has launched Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) which is designed to handle large volume of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for Assessment & Accreditation process (A&A) keeping in view the huge influx in the number of applications for Assessment in the coming days since Accreditation has been made mandatory to the HEIs.

Details of of NAAC targets and accreditation over the last three years is as under:

Financial Year	Universities	Colleges	Target Fixed	Total Number of Institutions accredited
2015-16	100	1185	1898*	1285 (Actual)
2016-17	95	1546	940*	1641 (Actual)
2017-18	40	959	1000	999
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>3690</b>	<b>3838</b>	<b>3925</b>

In the years 2015-16 and 2016-17 there was no specific target. The actual applications received for Accreditation was assumed to be targets. The balance of 2015-16 was completed in 2016-17.

(d) and (e) The Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) is designed to handle large volume of HEIs for A&A processes. NAAC is also strengthening its ICT capacity to automate most of its process. The Present ICT infrastructure is robust enough to handle large numbers with appropriate hardware and software provisions in place.

#### **Increase in candidates for IIT**

1848. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) have decided to increase the number of eligible candidates for admission to the prestigious institution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IITs have been asked to release a supplementary merit list for admission this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) Admission in IITs in various courses is done on the basis of merit in the admission tests such as Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced) [JEE (Advanced)], Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) and Joint Admission Test for M.Sc (JAM). However, the IIT-Council in its 50th Meeting held on 23.08.2016 approved the proposal for increasing the overall students' strength in the IITs to one lakh by the year 2020.

(c) and (d) As per the criterion laid down in the Information Brochure of JEE (Advanced) 2018, a total of 18138 candidates were declared qualified. However, considering the results of the previous years, this Ministry and the Joint Admission Board (JAB) 2018 asked the Organizing Institute *i.e.* IIT-Kanpur to release additional list. Accordingly, a total of 31988 candidates were finally declared qualified in JEE(Advanced) 2018.

#### **Computer based test by National Testing Agency**

1849. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computer based test would be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) and not by the Central Board of Secondary Education or by other agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has assured that the syllabus would remain the same and there would be no increase in cost of application while the exams would be more transparent and leak proof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) National Testing Agency (NTA)