

and Universities for improving quality of higher education. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an Inter-University Centre of the UGC has assessed 140 Universities out of which only 2 Universities are in the lowest bracket having less than 60 marks on a 100 point scale.

Improvement of standard is a continuous and ongoing process. While the quality of teaching and research in higher education is ensured by regulating the minimum qualifications for teachers, continuous orientation refresher programmes are organized for teachers through Academic Staff Colleges of UGC. More emphasis is being given on research programmes. The UGC has developed the concept of University and College with potential for excellence, for recognizing and promoting excellence.

Literacy Mission in rural areas

†1566. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of overall literacy mission projects sanctioned by Government, State-wise and district-wise, under National Literacy Mission, for non-Governmental Organisations in rural areas during the last three years, till date; and

(b) whether performance of Non-Governmental Organisations has been reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Under National Literacy Mission, grants are sanctioned to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for the following purposes:

- To conduct vocational training programmes in various trades for the benefit of the neo-literates, unskilled and unemployed youths and other weaker sections of the society belonging to rural and urban areas through district level institutions called Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSSs). 198 JSSs have been set up in various districts of the country.
- To provide academic and technical resource support to the literacy programme being implemented in the States including rural areas through State level institutions called State Resource Centres (SRCs). 26 SRCs have been set up in various States for this purpose.
- To take up literacy programmes, innovative projects for compact and limited areas of the district, publication of neo-literate magazines for circulation to various districts, undertaking research studies, conducting conferences/seminars etc.

A Statement showing number of JSSs and NGO projects sanctioned, State-wise and district-wise, during the last three years, till date is at Statement-I and II, respectively (*See below*). Besides, one SRC was sanctioned for the State of Chhattisgarh during 2006-07.

(b) Yes, Sir. Performance of these organisations is being reviewed periodically through their Quarterly and Annual Progress Reports. Performance of SRCs and JSSs is also reviewed through Annual Action Plan Meetings.

Statement-I*State-wise and district-wise number of JSSs sanctioned*

Sl. No.	Name of The State	Number of JSSs sanctioned and name of the directrict			
		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
		No. of JSS sanctioned/name of the districts	No. of JSS sanctioned/name of the districts	No. of JSS sanctioned/name of the districts	No. of NGO sanctioned/name of the districts
1	Andhra Pradesh	-	01/ West Godavari	-	-
2	Bihar	01/ Saran	-	01/ Aurangabad	-
3	Chhattisgarh	-	-	01/ Rajnandgaon	-
4	Gujarat	-	-	01/ Patan	-
5	Haryana	01/ Panipat	-	-	-
6	Jammu and Kahmir	-	-	-	01/Tangdar
7	Karnataka	01/ Davangere	-	-	-
8	Kerala	01/ Ernakulam	01/ Mallapuram	-	-
9	Madhya Pradesh	04/ Hoshangabad, Dhar, Sehore Sidhi	03/ Rewa Chattarpur Sagar	07/ Katni Jabhua Betul Mandla Dewas Umaria Shajapur	-

10	Maharashtra	02/ Gondia, Ahmadnagar	01/ Jalgaon	01/ Yavatmal	-
11	Manipur	01/ Senapati	01/ Imphal West	-	-
12	Orissa	01/ Bhadrak	-	03/ Sambhalpur Jagatsinghpur Naupada	-
13	Tamil Nadu	-	01/ Namakkal	-	-
14	Uttar Pradesh	04/ Bhadoi, Hardoi Fatehpur Rai Bareilly	05/ Gorakhpur Siddharthnagar Sitapur Kheri Sahajanpur	07/ Aligarh Etawah Jalaun Kaushambi Sonbhadra Azamgarh Agra	01/ Bareilly
15	Uttarakhand	01/ Bageshwar	01/ Tehri Garhwal	01/ Almora	-
16	West Bengal	01/ West Midnapore	-	01/ Bankura	-
11	Delhi	-	-	01/ West Delhi	-
TOTAL:		18	14	24	02

Statement-II*State-wise and district-wise number of NGO projects sanctioned*

Sl. No.	Name of The State	Number of NGO projects sanctioned and name of the district			
		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
		No. of NGO projects sanctioned/ name of the district	No. of NGO projects sanctioned/ name of the district	No. of NGO projects sanctioned/ name of the district	No. of NGO projects sanctioned/ name of the district
1	Assam	-	01/ Guwahati	-	-
2	Bihar	-	01/ Patna	-	-
3	Gujarat	-	01/ Banaskantha	-	01/ Ahmedabad
4	Haryana	-	01/ Panipat	-	-
5	Karnataka	-	04/ Hassan Tumkur, Bellary Mysore	-	-
6	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	02/ Bhopal	-
7	Orissa	-	-	01/ Mayurbhanj	-
8	Tamil Nadu	-	-	01/ Dindigul	-
9	Uttar Pradesh	03/ Allahabad, Lucknow Gazipur	03/ Etah Allahabad	01/ Lucknow	-
10	Uttarakhand	02/ Dehradun Udham Singh Nagar	01/ Dehradun	-	-
11	Delhi	01/ West Delhi	05/ South Delhi	02/ South Delhi	-
TOTAL:		06	17	07	01