

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2125
ANSWERED ON 19/03/2025

Accreditation of Institutions in West Bengal

2125 **Shri Samik Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Colleges and Universities in West Bengal that have been accredited by NAAC, along with their ratings and the date of accreditation;
- (b) whether the Ministry is aware that significant number of Colleges in West Bengal are yet to apply for NAAC accreditation, and, if so, the total number of such Colleges;
- (c) steps taken by Government to assist and encourage more Colleges in West Bengal to undergo NAAC accreditation, including financial and technical support; and
- (d) whether Government has introduced any special initiatives to improve the quality of education and infrastructure in NAAC-accredited institutions to enhance their ratings in future assessments?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) & (b): The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an Inter University Centre of the University Grants Commission (UGC). As per information received from UGC, out of 1514 Colleges and 58 Universities in West Bengal, 514 Colleges and 20 Universities respectively have been accredited by NAAC. 369 Colleges and 13 Universities in West Bengal have valid accreditation as on date and their lists are available at the links https://www.ugc.gov.in/Content/upload/Parliamnet//0774304_List-of-Colleges-valid-accredited-in-West-Bengal.pdf and https://www.ugc.gov.in/Content/upload/Parliamnet//2852974_List-of-HEIs-Valid-accredited-in-West-Bengal.pdf respectively.

(c) & (d): The NAAC Assessment and Accreditation fee is waived off for Government Colleges. NAAC has also conducted region wise handholding workshops for the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). For the Eastern Region HEIs, the workshop was conducted at Utkal University in July 2024 wherein 123 HEIs from West Bengal participated. A national level Consultative Workshop for Rural and Remote Colleges was also conducted by NAAC in August 2024 at Bangalore, wherein College Representatives from West Bengal also participated.

Further, for strengthening the Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), the Government of India constituted a High Level Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur & Chairperson, Standing Committee of IIT Council. This Committee has considered the introduction of strategic reforms consistent with the vision of the National Education Policy, 2020 and the need for adopting a simple, trust-based, objective and rationalized system for approval, accreditation and ranking of HEIs through technology-driven systems. The recommendations made by the Committee have been approved by the Ministry.
