

HRD STANCE Javadekar looking at using resources from within instead of allow accreditation by private players

IITs, IIMs May be Told to Rate, Certify Institutes

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New Delhi: The Centre is looking to rope in IITs and IIMs to share the job of evaluation and accreditation, in its effort to ensure transparency and cut time taken for accreditation of institutes of higher education.

HRD minister Prakash Javadekar said that a meeting with eight IITs and eight IIMs is on the cards to expand the base of evaluating agencies. Currently, accreditation is carried out solely by the National Assessment and Accreditation

Council (NAAC), an autonomous institution under the UGC.

While the government think-tank Niti Ayog had recommended that the ministry allow accreditation by reputed private players earlier this year, Javadekar said that the government was instead looking at using resources from within.

"We have a huge talent pool of teachers and students who can use the entire exercise of evaluation as a learning tool," he said. Even though some IITs have shown their reservations towards participating as agencies citing faculty shortage.



Prakash Javadekar
HRD Minister

I will meet heads of IITs, IIMs and find a way out for the ones willing to pitch in resources (for evaluation and accreditation). It will not be mandatory



The More Agencies The better



The government made accreditation mandatory only last year and feels it was important to increase the base of evaluating agencies to ensure transparency and better quality of higher education.

"We have to ensure expansion of accreditation as one agency cannot manage such a huge exercise," HRD minister Prakash Javadekar said. Currently, only 20% of higher institutes have been accredited by NAAC. Accreditation is a quality assessment exercise of educational institutions, which are graded on an eight-point scale, with A+ the top rank and C the lowest.

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