

**THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

INVITES SUGGESTIONS ON

'THE NATIONAL ACADEMIC DEPOSITORY BILL, 2011'

The National Academic Depository Bill, 2011 as introduced and pending in the Lok Sabha has been referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development headed by **Shri Oscar Fernandes, M.P., Rajya Sabha** for examination and report.

2. Educational Institutions such as Universities, Colleges and Polytechnics and Boards of School Education, issue academic awards to students including degrees, diplomas and certificates along with marks-sheets of the secondary, higher secondary and higher education levels. Those who enter into employment require a credible, authentic and easily accessible mechanism for access to, and verification of, academic awards granted by various authorities. The proposed legislation provides for the maintenance of a national database of such academic awards in electronic format in a depository to be known as the National Academic Depository and for verification and authentication of such awards. The establishment of National Academic Depository is a technology based solution to ensure confidentiality, authenticity and fidelity of academic records enabling online verification and easy retrieval of details of academic awards. It would also eliminate fraudulent practices such as forging of certificates and marks-sheets, by facilitating online verification thereof.

3. The Committee has decided to invite memoranda containing views/suggestions from individuals/organizations interested in the subject-matter of the Bill.

4. Those desirous of submitting memoranda to the Committee may send their written memoranda, either in English or Hindi, to **Shri N.S. Walia, Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, 515, Fifth Floor, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi- 110001. (Tel: 23034187 and Fax: 23793633) E-mail: rsc_hrd@sansad.nic.in** within fifteen days from the date of publication of this advertisement. Those who are willing to appear before the Committee for oral evidence besides submitting the memoranda may indicate so. However, the Committee's decision in this regard shall be final.

5. The memoranda submitted to the Committee would form part of the records of the Committee and would be treated as confidential and would enjoy privileges of the Committee.

6. The Bill has been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 2, dated the 5th September, 2011. Copies of the Bill can be had on written request to the above-mentioned Officer or can be downloaded from the official web-site of the Rajya Sabha (<http://rajyasabha.nic.in>) under the caption "Bills with the Committees".