

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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VACANT POSTS IN UNIVERSITIES

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of universities and colleges in the country as on December 31, 2007, State-wise;
- (b) whether 30 per cent of the teaching and non-teaching posts in the country's Central and State Universities are lying vacant despite the efforts made by the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of vacant posts of lecturers and non-teaching categories in the academic year 2007-2008, university-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to fill up all these vacant posts both in the Central and State Universities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Based on the information furnished by University Grants Commission(UGC), there are 415 Universities/Institutions in the country as on 31.12.2007 and 6680 Colleges under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956. The State-wise details is annexed.

(b)to(e): There are 1820 teaching posts and 5067 non-teaching posts lying vacant in Central Universities as on 31.3.2007 and 627 teaching posts lying vacant in 74 State Universities as on 1.5.2007. The UGC has been directing all the Central Universities to fill up the vacant posts in Universities. The UGC has issued a circular dated 23.3.2006 to all Universities of State Governments to fill up the vacant posts on regular basis as per norms of Commission since continuation of appointment of faculty in contract, part time and guest faculty on long terms basis effects the quality of education. The Central Government has already increased the age of superannuation from 62 years to 65 years in respect of teachers of Centrally Funded Technical and Higher Educational Institutions which come under the purview of Ministry of Human Resource Development, in view of acute shortage of experienced teachers. The State Governments were also requested that they too may take a similar view in view of the prevailing circumstances.