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SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of teachers in Higher Educational Institutions including engineering colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start the recruitment of teaching staff banned as per earlier recommendations made in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Committee headed by Mr. Chadha has recommended uniform age of retirement for teachers throughout the country; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the report of the Committee on "Faculty Development in Technical Education" constituted by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) under the Chairmanship of Prof. P. Rama Rao, the total shortage of teaching staff in engineering & technology, during 2005-06, for the country as a whole, was about 40,000. This shortage was estimated based on the AICTE norms of teacher to student ratio as 1:15.

(c) & (d): The process of recruitment of faculty in the Centrally funded institutions is a continuous one and there is no ban on the recruitment of teaching staff in these institutions.

(e) & (f) : The Chadha Committee had recommended that the age of superannuation of teachers should be 65 years throughout the country whether in a State or Central University as also whether in a college or in a university. The age of superannuation of teachers in centrally funded institutions in Higher Education under the purview of this Ministry was raised from 62 years to 65 years. The State Governments were also advised to make changes in respect of their teachers in Higher Education institutions.