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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether acute shortage of teachers in the universities and colleges in the country can sabotage the development of the Universities as research centres alongwith teaching plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the vacancy position of teaching posts in Universities, till date; and
- (d) the details of the action taken or being taken by the Government to meet the said shortage?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There is a shortage of qualified and experienced faculty in higher educational institutions. A Task Force was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Sanjay G. Dhande to make appropriate recommendations for alleviating shortage of quality faculty. As per the report of the Task Force, State Universities have nearly 40%, Central Universities have 35%, Deemed Universities have 25% and affiliated colleges have 40% faculty shortage.

(d): An "Implementation Monitoring Committee" has been constituted by the Government on 23rd January, 2012 to implement and monitor the recommendations of the Task Force. Apart from this, in order to meet the situation arising out of shortage of teachers in universities and other teaching institutions, the age of superannuation for teachers in Central Educational Institution has already been enhanced to sixty five years; University Grants Commission (UGC) has advised all the Central Universities to fill up the teaching post at the earliest ; teachers re-employment on contract appointment beyond the age of sixty five years upto the age of seventy years is permitted, subject to availability of vacant positions and fitness and UGC has sanctioned 706 adjunct faculty positions for the entire university system in the country.