

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:17
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2012
VACANT SC ST TEACHING POSTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether backlog of vacancies in teaching positions in SC/ST categories exists in the Central Universities;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of unfilled vacancies, university-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to fill the vacancies, roaster-wise and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any decision to conduct special drive to fill up the vacant posts; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Sh. KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 17 FOR 08TH AUGUST, 2012 ASKED BY S/SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI AND PRABODH PANDA, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING VACANT SC/ST TEACHING POSTS

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In view of the expansion in the XI Plan period and increase in intake capacity of students, Central Universities have been sanctioned additional teaching posts. Filling up these posts are done by the Universities in accordance with regulations of University Grants Commission (UGC) as well as provisions of their respective Statutes and ordinances. The procedure involved in filling up vacancies takes some time. The details of unfilled vacancies as made available by University Grants Commission and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) are annexed.

(c) to (e): The Ministry has written to all Central Universities, established prior to 2008, to launch a special drive to fill the backlog vacancies of SCs/STs. These institutions are being reminded regularly to fill up the vacant posts. Minister of Human Resource Development has written to Chairman UGC to ensure filling up of the identified backlog vacancies for SC / ST and maintenance of requisite records. Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of India has also written to UGC and the Central Universities from time to time on this issue. UGC has, while approving the budget estimates for the year 2011-12, directed the Central Universities to fill up the vacant posts at the earliest. This has been followed by another communication in January 2012 and again in March 2012.

The Government places emphasis on admission of SC / ST students into the Central Universities so that the reserved seats for SC /ST in those institutions do not go unfilled. In order to fill up the teaching posts reserved for SC/ST candidates, UGC provides funds for remedial coaching at the undergraduate and post graduate levels as well as for qualifying in the National Eligibility Test (NET) for entry into teaching positions in higher educational institutions. Government provides fellowships to SC / ST students to undertake advanced studies and research leading to post graduate, doctoral and post-doctoral degrees. It is observed that in the recent past the number of such candidates qualifying NET examination has increased.