

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

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LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TEACHING FACULTY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that students are not willing to join the Manipur campus of the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University as it lacks adequate infrastructure and teaching faculty;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to overcome these difficulties?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b): The Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU) has informed this Ministry that at present 96 students are enrolled in its Post-Graduation and M.Phil. Programmes and a total of 218 applications have been received for the Entrance Examination 2013-14 at its Manipur Campus. As regards teaching faculty, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved the posts of 02 Professors, 04 Associate Professors and 06 Assistant Professors for the Regional Campus Manipur, out of which all the six posts of Assistant Professors have been filled. The posts of Associate Professor and Professor were first advertised in 2010 and re-advertised on 08.12.2011 but could not be filled as the applicants were not found suitable for the appointment. It is a fact that the University has not made satisfactory progress with regard to the development of physical infrastructure at the site where the permanent Regional Campus is to be located.

(c): The IGNTU is an autonomous body governed by its Act and Statutes & Ordinances framed thereunder and the statutory bodies of the University are competent to take all administrative and academic decisions. The University has informed us that it allotted the construction work to the National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCCL), a Government of India Enterprise as the Executing Agency in September 2011. Because of the local problems, the finalisation of a contractor for this work by the Executing Agency took time. Now, the work has been allotted by the NPCCL to the selected contractor. The University is closely monitoring the construction work to ensure its timely completion. The vacant posts have been re-advertised.