

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

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

- (a) whether it has been mentioned in the Annual Status of Higher Education of States and UTs in India, 2012 (ASHE, 2012) report of the Planning Commission and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) that there is an urgent need to increase the number of teachers in higher education from eight lakhs to 16 lakhs during the 12th Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the other important aspects of the report and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether there is also a corresponding lacuna of quality teachers in higher education, as pointed out by the approach paper to the 12th Five Year Plan; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. As per the Annual Status of Higher Education of States and UTs in India, 2012 (ASHE, 2012), published by the Planning Commission and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the number of faculty in higher education, needs to be doubled from the current 8 lakhs to 16 lakhs during the 12th Five Year Plan to cater to the projected student demand. The report has further mentioned that this requires an increase in capacity at both the post graduate and Ph.D levels. The details of the same are available at [http:// eduvisors.com/dwnld\\_assets](http://eduvisors.com/dwnld_assets).

The Approach Paper to the 12th Five Year Plan has emphasized the need to address the issues related to teachers in a Mission Mode. Most of the recruitments to teaching positions are to be undertaken by the State Governments. The Central Government provides appropriate incentives, from time to time, to the State Governments to fill up these vacant posts.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The Government had constituted a Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee for launching a National Mission on Teachers and Teaching. The Committee has submitted its Report. Consequently a Scheme of National Mission on Teachers and Teaching has been formulated for implementation during the 12th Five Year Plan. The Scheme is aimed at addressing comprehensively all issues related to teachers, teaching, teacher shortages, teacher preparation and professional development.