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

- (a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has closed/reduced some of correspondence courses in the academic year 2012-13;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the percentage of vacancies in IGNOU which have not been filled during the academic year 2012-13; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill the vacancies in IGNOU?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has not closed any academic programme imparted through the distance mode of education during the academic year 2012-13.
- (c) In respect of teachers/academics and non-teaching staff 15% and 46% positions were lying vacant respectively during the academic year 2012-13.
- (d) The University has already taken the necessary steps for recruitment against the vacant posts and the process is underway. Further, the University had started a special recruitment drive in April 2012 for filling up of the non-teaching posts reserved for SCs/STs/OBCs which has now been completed and the selected candidates have started joining the University.