

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS IN SANSKRIT UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sanskrit Universities in the country are facing shortage of teachers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, university wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Sanskrit Universities that are being funded by the Government directly or through the University Grants Commission (UGC), are facing shortage of teachers.
- (b) The details of faculty position in the Sanskrit Universities are at Annexure. As informed by the Universities, the posts are lying vacant due to retirement, promotion, delay in selection, not finding the applicants suitable, not having enough students in the Department in comparison to the sanctioned posts etc.
- (c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has constituted an Implementation Monitoring Committee to implement and monitor the recommendations of the Task Force on Faculty Shortage and Design of Performance Appraisal System under the Chairmanship of Prof. Sanjay Dhande, the then Director, IIT, Kanpur. The UGC has been continuously monitoring the progress of the filling up of vacancies of teachers in these Universities. The Universities are requested from time to time to fill up the vacant posts. In order to mitigate the situation arising out of the shortage of teachers, the Ministry has extended the age of retirement of teachers from 62 to 65 years. Even retired teachers can teach, if physically fit, upto the age of 70 years. After the Sixth Pay Commission, the salary and promotional avenues of teachers have been made more generous to attract young talent to the teaching profession.