

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Universities and colleges suffer from under-funding by the State Governments resulting in shortage of faculty;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to revitalize State Universities and colleges?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): State Universities and Colleges are under the administrative control of the State Governments and all non-plan and recurring expenditure, recruitment of faculty and their salaries are to be met by them. Vacancies in faculty positions in State Universities could be due to many factors and filling them up is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. While details of vacancies in faculty positions in State institutions are not centrally maintained, as per the report of the Task Force on 'Faculty Shortage and Design of Performance Appraisal System' (July, 2011), the overall vacancy in faculty positions in the State Universities is approximately 40%.

(c): The Central Government has launched the Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), which seeks to make strategic intervention to achieve the aims equity, access and excellence in the State higher educational system by inter-alia incentivising States to increase plan investments in higher education under various components of the scheme. One of the conditionalities for assistance under RUSA is States lifting the ban on recruitment of teachers, if any. RUSA also provides support for creation of an additional 5000 faculty positions at the entry level as per schematic norms.

The Central Government is implementing a scheme for providing 80% financial assistance to the State Governments for meeting the expenditure on implementing revised pay scales to university teachers as prescribed by the UGC subject to certain conditions.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it provides plan grant for the development of infrastructure and other facilities to the Government funded State universities and colleges. The UGC has taken measures for meeting the shortage of teachers at all levels. These measures include permitting the universities to engage adjunct/guest faculty to meet the shortfall; allowing contractual appointments for faculty; revamping Academic Staff Colleges etc. The UGC has also launched a scheme called 'Operation Faculty Recharge Programme' to tackle the shortage of faculty in the university system. Universities have also been permitted to engage adjunct/guest faculty/make contractual appointments of faculty to meet the shortfall.