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Academic quality in higher education institutions of Bihar

1319 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Universities and colleges in Bihar, including those located in Patna, are facing shortages of regular teaching faculty;
- (b) the present vacancy position in Central and Centrally funded institutions in the State;
- (c) whether issues relating to student–teacher ratio and accreditation outcomes have been reviewed; and
- (d) the steps taken to fill vacancies, strengthen academic governance and improve the quality of higher education in Bihar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d): Education being in the Concurrent List, enhancing the quality of education is the responsibility of both the Central and State Governments. The Central Government has implemented various schemes for supporting State Governments. As per the AISHE Report 2021–22, the State of Bihar has a total of 37 Universities and 1092 Colleges with an enrolment of 26,22,946 students in HEIs.

The Government has launched the third phase of RUSA in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore, including the committed liabilities of the earlier phases of RUSA, to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas.

In the State of Bihar, under RUSA and PM-USHA, a total of 101 projects with an amount of Rs. 732.65 crore have been approved under various components, including 16 units in Patna district (1 University and 12 Colleges) amounting to Rs.164 crore, for strengthening infrastructure, including construction of hostels, academic and administrative buildings, laboratories, and other facilities required for improving access to and quality of higher education.

The Central Higher Education Institutions (CHEIs) under Ministry of Education including Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), are statutory autonomous organizations established under respective Central Acts of Parliament and governed by provisions of the Acts/Statutes/Ordinances/Regulations made thereunder. As autonomous institutions, faculty recruitment is done within the institutions itself, in accordance with their Acts and Regulations. The recruitment powers vests with the respective Board of Governors/Executive Committee/Board of Management.

Occurring of vacancies and filling thereof is a continuous process. The vacancies arise due to promotion, retirement, resignation, death, opening of new institutions, schemes or projects, and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength and expansion of capacity in existing institutions.

In Bihar, there are several centrally funded institutions including Central University of South Bihar (Gaya), Mahatma Gandhi Central University (Motihari), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bodh Gaya, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Patna, etc. In August, 2021, all CHEIs under Ministry of Education were requested to undertake special drive to fill backlog vacancies in their institutions in Mission Mode. The CHEIs undertook special recruitment drives to fill the vacancies including of Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs). In September 2022, Ministry of Education had also exhorted all the CHEIs to fill up the vacancies in Mission Mode. From September 2022, all CHEIs including Central Universities (CUs), have undertaken Mission Mode recruitment drive to fill the vacancies. Up to 24.10.2025 (i.e., the date of 17th tranche of Rozgar Mela), a total number of 29979 posts have been filled up by all CHEIs, including 17494 faculty positions, in Mission Mode. Out of these 29979 posts, during the said period, the Central Universities alone have filled up 12604 posts including 8327 faculty positions.

In Centrally financed Higher Education Institutions, measures have been taken to attract quality faculties which includes year-round open advertisements, recruitment through search-cum selection procedures, special recruitment drive, mission mode recruitment and invitation to alumni/scientists/faculty, etc. The faculty recruitment processes are carried out by the CHEIs by inviting applications in a transparent manner, as part of a multi-step and robust screening process. The Acts and Statutes of various institutions specify the composition of selection committees, authorities responsible for recruitment of various levels of faculty, provision of independent subject experts and Visitor's nominees etc. so as to ensure transparency and academic rigour in recruitments. UGC has launched a common portal 'CU-CHAYAN' for faculty recruitment, making provision for listing of vacancies/ advertisements/ jobs across all Central Universities, thus making the entire recruitment process more transparent and accessible.
