

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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VACANCIES IN CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES

539 Shri Abdul Wahab:

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

- (a) total number of teaching posts sanctioned, filled and lying vacant in Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and other Centrally Funded Higher Educational Institutions (CFHEIs), State-wise and institution-wise;
- (b) the number of faculty currently appointed on ad-hoc, contractual, guest and temporary basis in these institutions, category-wise and institution-wise;
- (c) the duration for which such ad-hoc, contract and guest faculty have been serving in these institutions, whether cases of engagement beyond prescribed tenure exist; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to regularise long-serving ad-hoc and contract faculty and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d) The Central Higher Educational Institutions (CHEIs) under the Ministry of Education including Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are statutory autonomous organizations established under respective Acts of Parliament and governed by provisions of the Acts/Statutes/Ordinance/Regulations made thereunder. Occurring of vacancies and filling thereof is a continuous process. The vacancies arise due to promotion, retirement, resignation and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength etc. As autonomous institutions, faculty recruitment is done by the institutions themselves in accordance with their Acts/Statutes/Ordinance/Regulations etc. Measures have been taken to attract quality faculties which includes year-round open advertisements and rolling advertisements, recruitment through search-cum-selection procedures, special recruitment drive(s), mission mode recruitment and invitation to alumni/scientists/faculty, etc. From September 2022, all CHEIs including Central Universities (CUs), IITs, IIMs, NITs etc have undertaken recruitment drive in mission mode to fill the vacancies. Till 24.10.2025, more than 17490 faculty positions have been filled. Ad-hoc/contractual/guest/temporary faculties are engaged on need basis as a short-term stop-gap arrangement.
