

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**Vacant teaching posts at the Central University of Kerala**

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

- (a) the total number of sanctioned, filled and vacant teaching posts at the Central University of Kerala as of June 2026, categorized by UR, SC, ST, OBC and EWS;
- (b) the specific details of backlog vacancies in teaching posts reserved for SC, ST and OBC categories at the institution;
- (c) the number of special recruitment drives conducted by the university since 2022 to clear these specific backlog vacancies; and
- (d) the timeline within which all vacant reserved teaching positions are proposed to be filled?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

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(a) to (d): Central University of Kerala is a statutory autonomous organizations established under Central University Act 2009 and governed by provisions of the Acts and Statutes, Ordinances, 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. The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers Cadre) Act, 2019 has been notified on 09.07.2019 which provides for reservation of posts in direct recruitment for persons belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the Teacher's Cadre of Central Educational Institutions established, maintained, or aided by the Central Government. This Act removes the difficulty regarding the reservation of posts in appointment by treating University/Central Educational Institution as a unit for the purpose of reservation instead of individual departments. Further, by this Act from the year 2019, reservation was provided to Other Backward Class (OBC) in recruitment in

Associate Professor and Professor level. Earlier reservation to OBC was only in Assistant Professor level. Posts reserved for a particular category can only be filled by eligible persons of that particular category; any unfilled post belonging to any of the reserved category will continue to be readvertised as backlog vacancies in that particular reserved category in next cycle(s) of recruitment, until filled. Further, the UGC launched a unified recruitment portal i.e. CU-Chayan on 02.05.2023 to provide a common platform for listing of vacancies/ advertisements/ jobs across all Central Universities. The Central Universities have also been instructed to publish rolling advertisements on their websites throughout the year to address the difficulties faced in getting eligible candidates. Further, the mandatory condition of PhD for Assistant Professor has also been relaxed. Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission (UGC) regularly monitor the institutions and the Central Universities have been directed to fill up the vacancies in regular mode. The total sanctioned strength of faculty at CU Kerala is 192. Through special recruitment drives started in September 2022, more than 90 teaching posts including 9 SC posts, 3 ST posts, 16 OBC posts and 3 EWS posts have been filled in the Central University of Kerala.

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