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Vacancies in Central Universities

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

- (a) whether vacancies in Central Universities and IITs have been reviewed;
- (b) the details of sanctioned and vacant posts;
- (c) whether steps have been taken to fill such vacancies; and
- (d) the timeline fixed therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (b) The Central Higher Education Institutions (CHEIs) under Ministry of Education including Central Universities, IITs 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. Further, UGC launched CU-SAMARTH portal, a unified recruitment portal in the year 2023 for Central Universities. IITs issue rolling Advertisements for faculty recruitment, which are open throughout the year for all candidates, who fulfil the required qualifications and experience for faculty positions in IITs.

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.

(c) to (d) 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. In October 2025, all the CHEIs have again been requested to fill up all the backlog vacancies in Mission Mode. From September 2022, all CHEIs including Central Universities (CUs) and IITs have undertaken Mission Mode recruitment drive to fill the vacancies. Up to 23.05.2026 (i.e. the date of last Rozgar Mela), a total number of 32114 posts have been filled up by all CHEIs, including 18757 faculty positions, in Mission Mode. Out of these 32114 posts, during the said period, CUs and IITs collectively have filled up 21545 posts including 12289 faculty positions.
