

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2017**

Vacant Faculty Positions

607. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there are vacant faculty positions in Jawahar Lal University (JNU) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to fill the vacant faculty posts in the near future and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the timeline for implementation of aforesaid proposal?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

(a) to (d) Jawahar Lal University (JNU) has reported that there are 308 vacant faculty positions. Vacancies at various levels are caused by dynamic processes attributable, inter-alia, to retirements, resignations, deaths and sanction of additional posts. The University has already advertised 19 faculty positions reserved for Persons with Disabilities and around 91 faculty positions reserved for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes. Around 98 faculty positions i.e. Unreserved & Reserved for OBC will be published in the Employment News on 11 February, 2017.

The filling up of vacancies in the University is an ongoing and continuous process. Being an autonomous body created under an Act of Parliament, the onus of filling up of the posts lies on the University. UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the maintenance of standards in Higher Education 2010 clearly mentions (under para 12.2) that all the sanctioned / approved posts in the university system shall be filled up on an urgent basis. The issue has also been discussed in a meeting of Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development with the Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities on 18th February, 2016 at Suraj Kund (Haryana) and on 6th October, 2016 at Varanasi (U.P.) and they have been requested to fill up the vacant posts at the earliest.
