

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 300  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019

**Shortage of Professors in Universities**

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

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of Professors in universities of the country which is directly affecting teaching activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to meet shortage of professors in the country?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
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(a)to (c): Occurring of vacancies and filling up is a continuous process. The University Grants Commission (UGC) continuously monitors it with Universities. However, the onus of filling up the teaching posts lies on Central Universities which are autonomous bodies created under Acts of Parliament. Ason 01.04.2019, there are 11115 teaching staff in-position against sanctioned strength of 17834 teaching staff in Central Universities across the country.

Also, UGC vide its D.O. letter No. F.1-14/2019 (CPP-II) dated 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 has prepared the Guidelines for Recruitment of Faculty in Universities, Colleges and Institutions Deemed to be Universities outlining the selection procedure and the time frame for recruitment. These guidelines have been circulated to all Universities to adhere to them. The Universities have also been requested to take steps to ensure that the vacancies in the University as well as in the Colleges affiliated to University are filled up at the earliest. A copy of the Guidelines circulated to all Universities is available at [https://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc\\_notices.aspx?id=2418](https://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_notices.aspx?id=2418).

Further, this Ministry has requested all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to fill up faculty related data on National Higher Education Resource Centre (NHERC) portal at <https://nherc.in> in order to fill up all vacancies in various higher educational institutions on an urgent basis.

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