

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2878
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022

Vacancies in Central Universities/IIMs/IITs

2878. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are more than one-third faculty vacancies out of the total sanctioned strength in all Central Universities, Indian Institute of Technology(IITs) and Indian Institute of Management(IIMs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the reasons therefor and the time since they are lying vacant; University/IIT/IIM-wise
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to fill-up these vacancies;
- (d) whether the Government justify the Corona pandemic as a reason for not recruiting the faculty which is there only for one-and-a-half years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and;
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the backlog and existing vacancies between January, 2019 and February, 2020?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) and (b) The details of faculty vacancies in Central Universities, Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) are as under :

| Sl. No. | Name of Institutes | Sanctioned | In position | Vacant |
|---------|----------------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| 1. | CUs(including IGNOU) | 19366 | 12808 | 6558 |
| 2. | IITs | 10881 | 6511 | 4370 |
| 3. | IIMs | 1448 | 1026 | 422 |

Filling up of the vacancies is a comprehensive process which involves advertisement of posts, scrutiny, interview etc. Since August 2021, 8589 (eight thousand five hundred eighty nine) posts have been advertised for which the selection processes are on.

(c) to (f) Occurring of vacancies and filling thereof is a continuous process. The vacancies arise due to retirement, resignation and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength. The institutions are adopting various measures to address faculty shortages in order to ensure that studies of students are not affected which inter-alia, includes engaging research scholars, contract, re-employed, adjunct and visiting faculty. University Grants Commission (UGC) vide its letters dated 04.06.2019, 31.07.2019, 05.09.2019 and 22.10.2019 has issued directions to higher education institutes to fill up the vacant posts. Further, Ministry of Education has also requested all the Central Higher Educational Institutions to fill up the vacancies in a Mission Mode within a period of one year starting from 5th September, 2021.
