GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Vacant Teaching Posts in Central Universities

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and the percentage of teaching posts vacant in all the Central Universities across the country including Tamil Nadu State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as of 31 October 2024;
- (c) the number of temporary teachers in all the central universities in the country and whether the Government is planning to fill all the vacant teaching positions in central universities, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor:
- (d) the number of vacancies of teaching positions filled during the last ten years and the current year as against their vacancies;
- (e) the number of posts reserved for SC,ST and OBC categories remain vacant and the impact of these vacancies on the quality education and student outcomes in these universities and the specific measures taken by the Government to mitigate this impact; and
- (f) the action taken and the timeline set by the Government for filling these vacancies and the challenges that have been identified in the recruitment process?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (f): Central Universities under the purview of Ministry of Education are statutory autonomous organizations established under respective Central Acts of Parliament and governed by provisions of the Acts/Statutes/Ordinances/Regulations made thereunder. As on 31.10.2024, there are 5182 vacant teaching posts in Central Universities, including 28 vacant teaching posts of Central University of Tamilnadu. As on 31.10.2024, the number of vacant posts for SC is 740 for ST is 464 and for OBC is 1546.

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 onus of filling up the posts lies on the Central Universities (CUs). 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. Through special recruitment drives more than 7650 teaching positions have been filled in the Central Universities including 1048 positions belonging to SC category, 512 of ST category and 1734 of OBC Category. UGC has launched a unified recruitment portal called CU-Chayan on 02.05.2023 to provide a common platform for listing of vacancies/advertisement/jobs across all Central Universities. Further, to continue studies as unaffected, CUs also engage adhoc faculty. There are 105 adhoc faculties in Central Universities.

Moreover, 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 cadre or unit for the purpose of reservation instead of individual departments.
