

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Vacancies in Teaching Posts in Central Universities/Institutes

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of sanctioned posts of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors in Central Universities/Central Institutes across the Country;
- (b) whether reservation for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) has been made in these posts, if not, the category-wise details of the vacant positions; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to fill these reserved vacancies through a Special Recruitment Drive and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Central Higher Education Institutions (CHEIs) under Ministry of Education including Central Universities, are statutory autonomous organizations established under respective Central Acts of Parliament and governed by provisions of the Acts/Statutes/Ordinances/Regulations etc. made thereunder. As autonomous institutions, faculty recruitment is done within the institutions itself, in accordance with their Acts and Regulations. The authority for recruitment to these posts vests with the respective Board of Governors/Executive Committee/Board of Management.

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.

The Government notified the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers Cadre) Act, 2019 on 09.07.2019 to provide for the reservation of posts in appointments of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, the socially and educationally backward classes and the economically weaker sections, to teachers' cadre in these CHEIs. The reservation is provided in teachers cadre to the extent of 15% for SCs, 7.5% for STs, 27% for socially and educationally backward classes and 10% for Economically weaker sections, as per notification dated 12.7.2019 issued in pursuance of the said Act.

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, have undertaken Mission Mode recruitment drive to fill the vacancies. Up to 24.01.2026 (i.e. the date of last Rozgar Mela), a total number of 30720 posts (3692 SC, 1561 ST, 6451 OBC) have been filled up by all CHEIs, including 17878 faculty positions (2216 SC, 872 ST, 3778 OBC), in Mission Mode.
