

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3571
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2015**

Central University of Odisha

3571. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

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

- (a) whether the headquarters of Central University of Odisha at Koraput is still functioning from Bhubaneswar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the time by which it is likely to be shifted from Bhubaneswar;
- (c) the number of faculty posts vacant as per the sanctioned strength in the said university and the time by which these posts are likely to be filled up; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to give top priority to local students in admission in the said university and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT.SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. The Headquarters of Central University of Orissa is functioning from Koraput only;
- (c) The details of faculty position is as under:

Name of the Post	Sanctioned	Regular	Contractual/ Guest	Vacant
Professor	23	-	-	23
Associate Professor	43	01	-	42
Assistant Professor	88	17	29	42
Total	154	18	29	107

A regular Vice Chancellor (VC) has been appointed in the University. Five visitor's nominees have been given to the University to expedite selection process in a time bound manner. The issue of vacancies of teachers was also discussed prominently in the Visitor's Conference of Vice Chancellors held in November 2015 in which all the VCs were urged to fill up the vacancies;

- (d) Admissions are made strictly in accordance with the Central Universities Act, 2009 and Statutes of the University. An entrance examination for admission to various courses is conducted by the University every year in the leading centres in Odisha and neighbouring regions. At present 90% of the total students are from Odisha.
