

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
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Expanding Quality Higher Education through States and State Public Universities

423. Shri Sukhdeo Bhagat:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over fifty-six per cent of full-professor positions at State Public Universities across the country are vacant, as per the NITI Aayog report “Expanding Quality Higher Education through States and State Public Universities” in February, 2025; and

(b) if so, the timeline fixed and action plan formulated by the Government to fill these vacancies and thereby improve teaching quality and research output in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Education is a subject under the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India, wherein both the Central and State Governments are empowered to make laws. State Public Universities are established under Acts of the respective State Legislatures, and their administrative and service-related matters, including appointments of teaching faculty are governed by the provisions of the concerned State Acts, Statutes, Rules and Regulations. Recruitment and filling up of faculty positions in State Public Universities fall within the domain and responsibility of the respective State Governments.

UGC has issued an advisory dated 20.02.2025 to all Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Education)/Secretaries to the Governor/State Higher Education Councils of all States and Union Territories of India, requesting for their personal intervention to ensure timely filling up of vacant faculty positions in the State Universities and their affiliated colleges under their jurisdiction. Further, this Ministry has also written a letter on 28.10.2025 to Education Secretaries of all State Governments to initiate recruitment process for the appointment of the optimum number of teachers for the allocated courses.

The Central Higher Education Institutions (CHEIs) under Ministry of Education including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), National Institute of Technology (NITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISERs), Indian Institute of Management (IIMs), Indian

Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), School of Planning and Architecture (SPAs), Central Universities (CUs) etc. are statutory autonomous organizations established under respective Central Acts of Parliament and governed by provisions of the Acts/ Statutes/ Ordinances/ Regulations made thereunder. As autonomous institutions, faculty recruitment is done within the institutions itself, in accordance with their Acts and Regulations and in accordance with Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers Cadre) Act, 2019 and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The recruitment powers vest with the respective Board of Governors (BoGs)/Executive Committee/Board of Management and no active role of the Ministry is involved therein.

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.

Ministry of Education had exhorted all the CHEIs to fill up the vacancies 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). From September 2022, all CHEIs have undertaken Mission Mode recruitment drive to fill the vacancies including those of SC, ST, OBC and PwD. Up to 24.10.2025 (i.e. the date of last Rozgar Mela), a total number of 29,979 posts have been filled up by all CHEIs in Mission Mode, out of which 17,494 are faculty positions.
