

schemes for financial assistance to voluntary organisations. The proposals received from individual organisations are considered as per the existing policies of Government of India and laid down norms.

Shortage of teachers in technical institutions

913. SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:'

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of 10,000 teachers in technical institutions at present;
- (b) if so, whether it would affect the basic learning of Information Technology; and
- (c) by when these posts are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) It is estimated that shortage of teachers of this order of magnitude exists in technical institutions in the country at various levels and disciplines.

(b) Shortage of teachers has an effect on teaching. However, to overcome the situation, interventions are being made through innovative schemes namely Early Faculty Induction Programme, Visiting Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, etc.

(c) Filling up of vacancies is a dynamic and continuous process.

Investigation against staff of IGNOU

914. SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many charges are under investigation against staff of IGNOU;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken against the staff, so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Certain allegations of irregularities in purchase of computers, misuse of Government equipment, negligence in