

(a) whether the Institute of Defence Development, Design and Technology has been established for manufacturing defence equipment as desired by Defence Minister about two years ago;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to bring the production processes and technologies being utilized, but not yet adopted, under the purview of this Institute; and

(c) whether Government would consider taking cooperation of private sector in this regard on pattern of U.S.A.?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) A Group of Officers was constituted by the Department of Defence Production (DDP) to prepare a concept paper for establishing a National Institute for developing Human Resources in the area of design & development of defence equipment and platforms.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no such proposal.

Filling of vacancies in offices of EPF

2768. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in different cadres that remain unfilled in the offices of the Employees Provident Fund;

(b) the number of vacancies in the categories reserved for Most Backward/Backward/SC-ST Communities; and

(c) by when these vacancies will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) The number of vacancies in different cadres that remain unfilled in the offices of the Employees Provident Fund as on 13.07.2009 are given below:

Group A	120
Group B	690
Group C	4050
Group D	267

(b) The number of vacancies in reserved categories as on 13.07.2009 are given below:

	SC	ST	OBC
Group A	23	14	28
Group B	89	25	120
Group C	520	250	814
Group D	24	07	84

(c) Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. Expeditious action is being taken to fill up all the vacancies.