

(d) and (e) As a result of sustainable increase in economy growth the per-capita income at current price has increased from Rs. 24,095 in 2004-05 to Rs.44,345 (revised estimate) during 2009-10. However, enhanced production and availability ensures meeting any additional demand due to this increase in income. Arable land being constant, farmers are being encouraged to grow more foodgrain crops by incentivising use of agricultural technological inputs such as quality seed, nutrients, farm mechanisation etc. under various crop development programmes of National Food Security Mission, Macro Management Mode of Agriculture, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana etc. Similarly, Minimum Support Price has been significantly increased for all the crops to give remunerative returns to the farmers for their produce. Besides land development and soil health/soil fertility have also been ensured through implementation of centrally sponsored schemes such as Reclamation and Development of Alkali & Acid soil and the National Project on management of soil health & fertility etc.

#### **Vacant faculty posts in PSSCIVE**

\*450. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE) under NCERT as an apex body for growth and development of vocational education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of a large number of vacant faculty and administrative positions in PSSCIVE;

(d) if so, the details of vacant posts during each of the last five years, till date, faculty-wise;

(e) the reasons for such vacancies for past several years; and

(f) the action taken by Government to fill these faculty positions so as to develop the vocational education programme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Institute of Vocational Education, Bhopal was set up on 05.7.1993 as a constituent unit of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to function as an

apex level research and development institution giving academic support for the planning and implementation of vocational programmes.

(c) and (d) At present one post of Joint Director, five posts of Professors, nine posts of Associate Professors (Readers) and five posts of Assistant Professors (Lecturers) are vacant in Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), Bhopal. The details of vacancy position during the last five years are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(e) During the staff requirement assessment of NCERT in 2001 by Staff Inspection Unit of Ministry of Finance, a temporary ban on filling up of vacant positions in NCERT was imposed. Subsequently, NCERT has been allowed in August, 2006 to fill up posts which fell vacant on or after 06.02.2001.

(f) The post of Joint Director has been advertised and applications have been received. NCERT has also advertised for academic posts.

***Statement***

*PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education, Bhopal*

*Status of academic posts in vocational education*

Sl. Divisions No. of PSSCIVE	No. of Posts Sanctioned	No. of Posts vacant (as on 1st April each year)					
		2005- 06	2006- 07	2007- 08	2008- 09	2009- 10	2010- 11
1. Agriculture	6	1	3	3	3	2	2
2. Business and Commerce	6	2	2	2	2	1	3
3. Home Science	5	2	2	2	2	2	2
4. Engineering and Technology	7	4	4	5	5	4	5
5. Health and Paramedical	6	3	3	3	4	4	4
6. Humanities, Science and Education	5	2	3	4	4	3	3
7. Assistant Librarian	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	36	15	18	20	20	16	19