

universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, literacy, sustainability and conflict resolution, all of which were based on the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Millennium Development Goals targets. The new initiative aims to promote a culture of intellectual cooperation, serving as a point of contact for ideas and proposals relevant to the United Nations mandate, and foster direct engagement by institutions in programmes, projects and initiatives for the realization of the Millennium Goals and other United Nations objectives. About 50 Indian institutions have joined UNAI so far.

Vacant teaching posts in colleges and universities

1464. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that many teaching posts are lying vacant in colleges and universities; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to fill them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. According to the information supplied by University Grants Commission (UGC) the total number of sanctioned teaching posted in various Central Universities is 16141, out of which 6374 teaching posts are laying vacant.

(b) In order to meet the situation arising out of shortage of teachers in universities, the age of superannuation for teachers in Central Educational Institutions has been enhanced to Sixty five years. Subject to availability of vacancy and fitness of teachers, they may be re-employed on contract basis after retirement upto the age of seventy years. In order to attract best brain to the teaching profession, the pay, allowances and service conditions of teachers have been made more attractive.

Students not getting admission in colleges in Delhi

1465. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students of Delhi who got more than 85 per cent of marks in twelfth exam were not given admission in colleges in B.Com courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is injustice for local students because students from outside Delhi were given admission because of higher percentage;

(d) whether Government proposes to increase seats or open more colleges to accommodate students with 85 per cent or above marks; and