

issued advisory to all States during December, 2005 to encourage mothers to take turns to come to the school at the time of preparation or serving of mid day meals so as to ensure serving of good quality meal.

**Racial profiling of students from North-East**

1938. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cases of racial profiling of students from North-East in Indian Universities has taken place;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action Government is taking to stop this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) No such incident has taken place. However, a case was reported from Central University of Hyderabad in which counseling and guidance to some student to control indiscipline was taken out of context and projected as a case of racial profiling.

**Vacant teaching posts in Central Universities**

1939. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that teaching posts in most Central universities are lying vacant since past few months;
- (b) if so, the facts and the details thereof; and
- (c) if so, the concrete steps taken by Government to fill up the teaching vacancies in all the Central universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The total number of sanctioned teaching posts in Central Universities under the purview of this Ministry is 16600 (2386 Professor, 4622 Associate Professor, 8695 Assistant Professor and 897 Others). Out of this, 6529 teaching posts (1221 Professor, 2105 Associate Professor, 3008 Assistant Professor and 195 others) are lying vacant.