

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) and (b) Some of the Centrally Funded Institutions, including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), have reported vacancies in faculty.

(c) and (d) The occurrence of vacancies is due to various reasons, including the Institutes' mandate to recruit outstanding faculty with strong research and teaching potential. Arising of vacancies and filling up thereof is a continuous process. Institutes have taken various initiatives for filling up these vacancies, including year-round open advertisement, putting in place various incentives, creating an environment supportive to the academic growth of faculty and implementation of attractive pay scales on the basis of 6th CPC recommendations.

Lack of facilities in schools

3205. SHRI PANKAJ BORA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that education has become a Fundamental Right but some schools in the capital lack facilities like shortage of class rooms and teachers and verandas are being used as class rooms;

(b) whether Government is aware that one such schools in the capital is Government co-ed secondary school in Bhalsa Badli in north Delhi where there are six class rooms and thirteen teachers for around 850 students which is a big anomaly and students distribute mid-day-meals themselves and proper drinking water is also not available; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to take some action to make education a fundamental right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mid-Day-Meal Scheme in Government schools in Mumbai

3206. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of Government schools lack basic requirements in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;