- (a) whether Government has finalized new guidelines on the code of conduct for teachers;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there has been an increase in student deaths over the past year due to psychological damage; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has developed a "Code of Professional Ethics of Teacher" (2009). The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has also issued Guidelines regarding Code of Conduct of teachers in schools affiliated to it. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has in 2009 developed Code of Conduct for teachers in higher educational institutes.

(d) and (e) According to the Report of the "Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India" (2011) of the National Crime Records Bureau, the total number of suicides due to failure the examination in 2010 and 2011 was 2,479 and 2,381 respectively.

It is difficult to attribute reasons; there can be various social, economic or personal issues which can lead to stress and anxiety amongst children resulting in such incidents.

Conference of VCs of Central Universities

1478. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a conference of Vice Chancellors of Central Universities was held in the recent past;
 - (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed during the said conference;
- (c) the details of the problems faced by various Central Universities pointed out during the said conference;
- (d) the details of steps taken by Government to solve their various problems particularly filling up of vacant faculty positions; and

(e) the details of vacant faculty positions in various Central Universities in the country at the end of previous academic session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Conference of Vice-Chancellors held on 22nd June 2012, focused on the role of Central Universities in improving the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), establishment of schools of education catering to the needs of pre-service and in-service capacity building of teachers both for the school as well as institutions of higher learning, integration of skills in higher education programmes conforming to National Vocational Education Qualifications Framework (NVEQF), implementation of the Accounting standards developed by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for efficient management of accounts, eradicating caste-based discrimination and development of grievance redress mechanism, shortage of faculty in Central Universities and filling up of backlog vacancies in respect of teaching and nonteaching posts, accreditation of Central Universities to maintain high academic standards, pension portability for faculty migrating from one University to another, issue of academic depository to curb forged academic certificates, common entrance examination for admission to Central Universities, establishment of Hindi and regional Languages Departments in the Central Universities and timely utilization of funds.

- (c) Vice Chancellors of the Central Universities mentioned, *inter-alia*, that due to non-availability of suitable candidates and non-portability of pension, they are unable to fill the vacant posts. Inadequate budgetary provision for non-plan non-salary grant and adherence to the ratio of 1: 1.1 between teaching and non-teaching staff is making it difficult to maintain the campus and particularly, the laboratories. Problems relating to non-availability and non-transferability of land for the Central Universities were also discussed.
- (d) The issue of pension portability has been taken up with the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. As regards Minimum Qualifications prescribed for teachers and the ratio of teaching to non-teaching staff, University Grants Commission (UGC) has decided to revisit the same. UGC has, while approving the budget estimates for the year 2011-12 (Non-Plan), have requested the Central Universities to fill up the teaching posts at the earliest. This has been emphasized time and again on the Universities in the meetings held for the purpose by UGC and the Ministry. Further, in order to meet the situation arising out of shortage of

teachers, the age of superannuation for teachers in Central Educational Institutions has been enhanced to 65 years. Besides, subject to availability of vacant positions and fitness, teachers are eligible for re-employment on contract appointment beyond the age of 65 years up to the age of 70 years.

(e) As per information made available by UGC and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the details of vacant faculty positions in the Central Universities as on 31/3/2012 are given in Statement.

Statement

Details of teaching staff strength as on 31.3.2012 (Existing and vacant positions) of Central Universities

Sl. No.	Name of University	Sanctioned Faculty Posts	Existing Strength	No. of Vacant Positions
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Maulana Azad National Urdu University	284	169	115
2.	Hyderabad University	556	406	150
3.	The English & Foreign Languages University	236	200	36
4.	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya	329	219	110
5.	Delhi University	1704	761	943
6.	Jamia Millia Islamia	824	711	113
7.	Jawaharlal Nehru University	727	459	268
8.	Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya	329	155	174
9.	Mahatma Gandhi Antaraashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya	79	66	13
10.	Pondicherry University	460	377	83
11.	Hemawati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University	468	258	210

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1	2	3	4	5
12.	Aligarh Muslim University	1887	1509	378
13.	Banaras Hindu University	2416	1520	896
14.	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University	130	108	22
15.	University of Allahabad	852	315	537
16.	Visva Bharati	714	622	92
17.	Assam University	325	309	16
18.	Tezpur University	243	194	49
19.	Rajiv Gandhi University	157	88	69
20.	Manipur University	266	179	87
21.	North Eastern Hill University	406	301	105
22.	Mizoram University	337	272	65
23.	Nagaland University	249	179	70
24.	Tripura University	216	147	69
25.	Indira Gandhi National Open Uni	versity 810	558	252
	TOTAL	15004	10082	4922

Statement of teaching staff strength as on 31.3.2012 (Existing and vacant positions) of new Central Universities

Sl. No.	Name of University	Sanctioned Posts	Existing Strength	No. of Vacant
				Positions
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Central University of Bihar	140	26	114
2.	Central University of Gujarat	140	42	98
3.	Central University of Haryana	140	17	123

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1	2	3	4	5
4.	Central University of Himachal Pradesh	140	36	104
5.	Central University of Jammu	21	8	13
6.	Central University of Kashmir	140	34	106
7.	Central University of Jharkhar	nd 140	75	65
8.	Central University of Karnatal	ka 140	44	96
9.	Central University of Kerala	140	32	108
10.	The Indira Gandhi National Tribal University	228	56	172
11.	Central University of Orissa	140	21	119
12.	Central University of Punjab	140	27	113
13.	Central University of Rajastha	n 140	54	86
14.	Sikkim University	201	56	145
15.	Central University of Tamil N	adu 140	18	122
	TOTAL	2130	546	1584
	Grand Total (Old + New Central Universiti	17134 (ies)	10628	6506

Opening of New Kendriya Vidyalayas under PPP mode

1479. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas functioning in the country at present, State-wise;
 - (b) the norms adopted for opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya in the country;
- (c) whether the quality of education and performance of students in these schools are better than many of the public schools in the country;