

subject to availability of vacant posts and fitness. Para 12.2 of the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education 2010 clearly mentions that all the sanctioned/approved posts in the university system shall be filled up on an urgent basis.

The UGC has also launched “Operation Faculty Recharge Programme” for augmenting the research and teaching resources of universities to tackle the faculty shortage in the university system.

Findings of ASER study on schools inspected

1335. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a study conducted by ASER, it has been revealed that only 80 per cent of the schools inspected had separate toilets for girls and only half of the facilities were in a usable condition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that according to the said study, 13 per cent of the schools were found not providing mid-day-meals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) As per the District Information System for Education (DISE) 2011-12 (provisional), which is a comprehensive school-wise database, 65.4% schools have girls' toilets of which 80.38% are functional. The ASER study is not a source of government data.

(c) and (d) As per the Mid-Day-Meals (MDM) Programme monitoring data, 100%, 96%, 100% and 97% schools were covered under the scheme during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (upto second quarter), respectively.

Rising trend of enrolment in private schools

1336. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study conducted by ASER Centre has found a steady decline in student performance in key areas;