

Paucity of administrative staff in universities

3511. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is only one cash counter for administrative dealings in the Delhi University;
- (b) whether Government is aware of general paucity of administrative staff in universities which causes inconvenience to the students;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps for addressing this issue;
- (d) whether Government plans to take any steps in this direction;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, there are two permanent cash counters in its New Administrative Block for administrative dealings. The University has also a provision for the operationalisation of 3-4 temporary cash counters depending upon requirement.

(b) to (d) The Central Universities are statutory autonomous bodies established by an Act of Parliament and governed by their respective Act and the Statutes and the Ordinances framed thereunder. All administrative decisions are taken by the Universities themselves. It is within the competence of the University of Delhi to appoint and depute non-teaching staff in appropriate numbers at various counters to mitigate the inconvenience of the students. The Ministry has no role to play in such matters.

(e) to (f) Do not arise in view of the above.