

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made to fill up the vacancies of teaching staff in IITs and NITs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) Approximately 41.9% and 49.6% of regular faculty posts are vacant in 16 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and 30 National Institutes of Technology (NITs) respectively. However, the Institutes are engaging faculties on contract and visiting faculties to tide over the shortages. The main reason for the faculty shortage in the IITs and NITs is that while the minimum qualification for faculty recruitment in these Institutes is a Ph.D., many of the students after completion of their B.Tech./M.Tech. programmes, get placements in companies/corporations and do not opt for the teaching profession.

(c) Arising of vacancies and filling up thereof is a continuous process. The IITs plan suitable strategies to attract and retain quality faculty members which *inter-alia* include year-round open advertisements, holding of selection committee meetings through video conferencing, invitation to alumni, scientists, faculty from India and abroad to reach out to potential candidates, advertisements in international journals to attract the attention of professionals abroad, introducing outstanding young faculty awards, etc. Further, Government has decided to allow the faculty, working under the Central Government or Central Autonomous Bodies, to join the newly set up Central Education Institutes on long-term deputation, for a period of ten years. The Institutes are also free to appoint Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) to permanent faculty positions.

Opening of medical college in Central University in Koraput, Odisha

3516. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Odisha has made a proposal for opening a medical college in the Central University in Koraput district of Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that this region is the most backward and

poverty stricken area of the country that lacks medical facilities and the State Government has furnished adequate justification for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details along with status of the project, *inter-alia* indicating the timeframe within which it would be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Public health, hospitals and dispensaries are included in the State List. It is for the State Govt to provide medical facilities in any backward and poverty stricken area of the State. As far as Central Government is concerned, the available resources do not allow the establishment of a Medical College in the Central University of Odisha.

Posting of staff of PSSCIVE in NCERT or other institutions

3517. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some of the faculty members appointed especially to serve Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE) have been posted in NCERT or other Institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such posting of these members elsewhere;

(c) whether Government proposed to recall all these faculty members in the interest of the organisations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) The faculty members and officers of Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE)