

Emeritus Fellowship Scheme, Visiting Professorship Scheme, Career Awards for Young Teachers Scheme, Seminar/Travel Grant for faculty development are being taken continuously by AICTE for faculty development. Also, as a temporary measure, Professors have been permitted to teach up to 70 years of age.

Rehabilitation of Children of Devadasis

2767. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka State Mazurai Department has launched a Pilot Scheme in Athni (Belgaum District) to rehabilitate the children of Devadasis in the State;

(b) the number of Devadasis children identified under the scheme and what would be the cost of the project;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with the state Government to extend the scheme to the other regions where the devadasis system was prevailing; and

(d) the number of Devadasis identified by Government and what are the various schemes undertaken by the State and Central Government towards their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No, Sir. However, teh Muzrai Temples belonging to Karnataka State Muzrai Department have donated some amount to Vimochana Devadasis Rehabilitaiton Association at Athani, Belgaum for boarding and uniforms to the children of Devadasis, who are studying from 5th to 10th Standard.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal ;before the State Government of Karnataka.

(d) the Government of Karnataka, through a survey, has identified 21995 Devadasis in ten districts of State. Karnataka State Women Development Corporation is implementing Awareness Programmes, Health Camps, Income generating activities, formation of Self Help Groups of

ex-devadasis and formation of district level federation of Self Help Group. The Central Government is implementing Swadhar Scheme for rehabilitation of destitute women and a Pilot Project Scheme for Combating trafficking of Women and Children for Commercial Sexual Exploitation under the sanction of Tradition. The component of these schemes include Awareness generation, Empowerment and Rehabilitation.

Shortage of Staff in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2768. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of teaching as well as administrative staff in KVS for the last more than two years;

(b) if so, the exact number of the teachers and administrative staff required;

(c) whether to fill up the gap Government have appointed temporary staff; and

(d) what are the steps taken by Government to fill up these vacancies permanently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As on 31.3.2005 there were 4321 vacant posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas (Schools) out of a total sanctioned strength of 42215. In the head office, regional offices and zonal institutes of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the number of posts vacant is 80 as against a sanctioned strength of 952.

(c) Part time contractual appointments are made to fill up vacancies of teachers in the schools.

(d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan takes steps to fill up vacancies either by promotion or by direct recruitment as per the provisions in the recruitment rules.