

Vocationalization of higher secondary education

3404. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH:

SHRI A. V. SWAMY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal by Odisha Government is pending before the Ministry for setting up new colleges for vocationalization of higher secondary education; and

(b) if so, whether it would be approved during the current financial year considering the acute shortfall of skilled manpower in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Faculty belonging to SC and ST in educational institutions

3405. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central universities and other central education institutions have sufficient teaching faculty belonging to SCs and STs as per the constitution, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to fulfil the vacancies reserved for SC and ST communities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) No, Sir. There are vacancies in Central Educational Institutions in teaching faculty belonging to SCs and STs. The total vacancy of academic posts of SCs & STs in Central Universities as on 1.1.2014 is 973 and 532 respectively. The total vacancy of faculty posts belonging to SCs and STs in respect of other Central Educational Institutions is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House. The delay has taken place in filling up the vacant posts due to various reasons, including non-availability of suitable candidates.

(b) UGC takes concrete efforts to impress upon the Universities to fill up the vacant positions and for the purpose holds periodic meetings with the Vice Chancellors and writes periodically to the Universities for addressing various issues including for the filling up of vacant posts especially the backlog of SC/ST vacancies. UGC has been continually impressing upon the universities to fill in reserved category positions on priority basis.