

487 posts of PGTs, 549 posts of TGTs, 172 posts of Primary Teachers, 332 posts of Misc. categories of teachers and 1159 posts of office staff were vacant. The State-wise records of vacancies are not maintained. However, most of the Teachers' vacancies had been filled up by taking people on contract.

(d) Occurrence of vacancies is a continuous process due to retirement/resignation/promotions/Death of employees. However, teaching work in the schools is not allowed to suffer.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Committee on status of IDPL

1286. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to set up a Committee to enquire into the sorry state of affairs of the IDPL; and

(b) if so, by when Government are going to set up such a Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Reducing operational cost of fertilizer plants

1287. SHRI GOPAL SINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government, through a white paper, had expressed the view two years back that there is a need to reduce the operational cost of fertilizer plants, both in public and private sectors;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any measures to reduce it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise.