

Tough examination paper under CBSE

2859. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maths and Accountancy Twelfth examination papers of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) All India/Delhi were very difficult, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there were inconsistencies in the question paper design and difficulty level of question paper under All India scheme, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether CBSE had agreed to but did not give grace marks to the students, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to avoid such discrepancies in future, to safeguard the students' interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) to (d) The Committee of Subject Experts in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) examined the observations received from the stakeholders and came to the conclusion that the question papers were based on the curriculum and syllabus prescribed by CBSE. CBSE awards grace marks to those candidates who marginally fall short of pass marks. CBSE continues to make efforts to make the question paper error-free and consistent.

Vacancies in Central Universities

†2860. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities in the country in which the posts of Vice-Chancellor, Professor and Teachers are vacant;

(b) since when these posts are lying vacant in the universities; and

(c) the rules for the selection of Vice-Chancellors and whether the selection procedure in all the universities is similar, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) and (b) At present, there are 41 Central Universities under the purview of this Ministry. Vice-Chancellor's posts are vacant in three Central Universities (CUs) as per the following details:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Name of the Central University	Date of vacancy
Visva-Bharati	16.02.2016
Mizoram University	18.05.2016
Puducherry University	04.07.2016

As regards vacant posts of teaching faculty, the incidence and filling up of vacancies in CUs is an ongoing and continuous process. Vacancies at various levels are caused by dynamic processes attributable, *inter alia*, to retirements, resignations, deaths, deputations, expansions and opening up of new institutions, such data of occurrence of vacancy of each post, University-wise, is not Centrally maintained.

(c) The qualifications for appointment of Vice-Chancellors in the Central Universities are prescribed in UGC Regulations. The procedure for selection of Vice Chancellor is prescribed in the concerned Act/Statutes under which the Central University is established and is not the same for every Central University.

Conversion of engineering colleges into skill development centres

2861. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to turn engineering colleges into 'Skill Development Centre' across the country under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);

(b) whether a committee has been formed in every State with the Chief Secretary and a member of AICTE to screen all applications;

(c) whether it is a fact that ₹ 475 crores has been set aside to implement this scheme;

(d) the targets fixed in this regard for 2016-17 and whether any preference would be given to engineering colleges of rural and tribal areas; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to lay emphasis on rural areas in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) There is no proposal to turn the engineering colleges into skill development centers. But it is proposed to use the infrastructure of the engineering colleges for skilling the unemployed youth after the college hours. For this purpose, a scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) by Technical Institutes has been formulated for implementation from this year.