

Shortage of Central Schools in Assam

2613. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of Central Schools especially in Assam and other parts of the country; and
- (b) what are the remedial steps taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRAKUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) At present 1136 Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are functioning all over the country out of which 55 KVs are in the State of Assam. No proposal is pending with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for opening of new KVs in the State of Assam fulfilling the pre-requisites as prescribed for opening of new KVs under civil sector. The KVs are opened primarily to cater to the educational needs of the children of transferable Central Government employees including Defence and Para-Military personnel by providing a common programme of education. Proposals for opening of new KVs are considered only if sponsored by Ministries or Departments of the Government of India/State Governments/Union Territories Administrations and Organization of employees belonging to the eligible categories thereby committing resources for setting up a new KV as well as on the availability of necessary sanction of the Government.

Recruitment of faculties in IIT and IIM

2614. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposed to set up new IITs and IIMs in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that several of these premier institutions do not have requisite teaching faculties, institution-wise details of vacancies;
- (c) what steps are being taken by Government to recruit faculties of requisite eminence in these premier institutions; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that several of these institutions have been functioning without regular Director for several months, if so, details of such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (d) Pursuant to Budget Announcements, 2014-15 and 2015-16, Government decided to establish 6 new IITs in Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Palakkad (Kerala), Goa (Goa), Jammu

(Jammu and Karnataka) and Dharwad (Karnataka) and 7 new IIMs in Amritsar (Punjab), Sirmaur (Himachal Pradesh), Bodh Gaya (Bihar), Sambalpur (Odisha), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and Jammu (J&K).

Arising of vacancies and filling them up with suitable, qualified candidates is a continuous process. The Institutes have been taking measures to attract quality faculty, which include year-round open advertisements, invitation through search-cum-selection procedures to alumni/scientists/faculty, advertisements in international journals, and appointment of NRIs and PIOs to faculty positions on the same terms as applicable to regular faculty. In addition, Institutes are engaging contract, adjunct and visiting faculty.

The posts of Director in 6 new IITs and 7 new IIMs are lying vacant. The Directors of Mentor Institutes have been given the charge of Director of these Institutes and the process for appointment of regular Directors has already been initiated and completed soon.

Para Teachers strike in Jharkhand

2615. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that Para Teachers in Jharkhand are on strike for more than a month seeking their wage hike and sought the intervention of the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the matter, if so, the status thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken note of their genuine demand and made any efforts in resolving their demands, the details thereof; and
- (c) the stand of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) As per information received from the State Government of Jharkhand, Para Teachers in Jharkhand were on strike. However, now they have called off their strike.

(b) and (c) The Government has taken note of their genuine demand. 10% hike in their honorarium has been given by the State Government.

Number of teachers for disabled students

†2616. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any policy to ensure adequate number of

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