

(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

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.