

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) to (c) The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005 provided guidelines for facilitating healthy growth and development of students across all school stages and for guidance/counselling at each of these school stages from elementary through secondary and higher secondary stages. To meet the desired goals of guidance and counselling services, the NCF delineates the responsibilities of States to augment guidance and counselling services. Further, the Framework for Implementation of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) recognizes the role of guidance and counselling services in promoting student retention and better scholastic performance in curricular areas, facilitating adjustment and career development of students, developing right attitude towards studies, self, work and others. The Framework provides that every school should have at least one teacher and preferably two teachers (one male and one female) trained in guidance and counselling. The in-service teacher training under RMSA has incorporated a module on counselling. However, there is no proposal to make career counselling sessions mandatory in all Government Senior Secondary schools.

In addition, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) are arranging career counselling classes through teachers who are trained by Regional Institute of Educations (RIEs) or National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and librarians of JNVs guide the students regarding career options. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has a provision for appointment of counsellors on contractual basis in the Kendriya Vidyalayas for providing guidance and counselling services to classes IX to XII.

#### **Vacant posts in colleges and institutes**

†2454. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts of professors are lying vacant in all the educational institutes and colleges in the country leading to total discontinuance of studies in a number of departments; and

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant as on date and by when Government proposes to fill up the vacant posts, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) and (b) Universities are

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Autonomous Bodies established under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act and the onus of filling up of vacant teaching posts lies with them. Thus, data relating to vacant posts in various State Public and Private Universities is not maintained Centrally. As per the data available with the University Grants Commission (UGC), 1,334 teaching posts of professors in various UGC funded Central Universities are lying vacant as on 01.01.2017. To ensure regular filling up of vacant posts in the Central Universities, the following steps have been taken:-

- The UGC has issued Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2010. Para 12.2 of the Regulations mandates that all the sanctioned/approved posts in the University System shall be filled up on an urgent basis.
- In order to meet the situation arising out of shortage of teachers in universities and other teaching institutions and the consequent vacant positions therein, the age of superannuation for teachers in Central Educational Institutions has already been enhanced to sixty five years.
- The Central Universities are permitted to recruit *Ad-hoc*/Guest Faculty/ Re-employed/Contract Faculty against vacant positions, from time to time, depending upon their operational requirements to the extent of 10% as per UGC regulations.
- UGC has requested all Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities, State Universities and Deemed-to-be Universities in November, 2014 to make a serious effort to ensure that all vacant positions are filled by the university at the earliest. Filling up of teaching positions was also discussed in the Conference of Vice-Chancellors of the Central Universities held on 4th-5th February, 2015, Visitor's Conferences on 4th-6th November, 2015 and 16th-18th November, 2016 which were Chaired by the Hon'ble President.

#### **Opening of new KVs**

2455. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received proposals to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in various States especially in Kerala; and
- (b) if so, the status of the proposals and by when new KVs would be opened there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya