

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the same is proposed to be established and the names of the States where these are proposed to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) No Sir. At present, there is no such proposal under consideration. However, a Central Sector Scheme for financial assistance to the existing deaf colleges in each of the five zones of the country is being implemented by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. The scheme is aimed at providing equal opportunities to hearing impaired students for pursuing higher education and improving their chances of employability and better quality life through higher education.

Posts lying vacant in University of Delhi

1207. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posts of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors are lying vacant in the University of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, post-wise; and

(c) by when they are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) University of Delhi has informed that the details of sanctioned, existing and vacant teaching positions as on 31.10.2018 are as follows:—

Name of the post	Sanctioned Strength	Existing	Vacant
Professor	264	104	160
Associate Professor	648	225	423
Assistant Professor	794	544	250

The University initiated recruitment process by advertising a large number of posts in different departments and filled several posts of Assistant Professors as well. However, at present the recruitment process has been temporally postponed in view of the pending litigations in different Courts.