

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2729
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2021**

Vacancies in all Schools of Planning and Architecture

2729 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are 70 faculty vacancies in all Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPAs) out of the total sanctioned strength of 230;
- (b) if so, the details of vacancies in each School, SPA-wise;
- (c) since how long these vacancies are lying;
- (d) how Ministry justifies that it is not able to recruit faculty due to COVID pandemic which is there only for one year;
- (e) the details of vacancies till January, 2019, SPA-wise; and
- (f) what the Ministry has done to fill the backlog and existing vacancies between January, 2019 to February, 2020?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a), (b) & (e): No, Sir. At present, there are only 65 faculty vacancies in three Schools of Planning and Architecture located at New Delhi, Bhopal and Vijayawada, out of the total sanctioned strength of 227. The details are as under :

Sl. No.	Name of School	Sanctioned strength of faculty	Vacancy position as on 16.12.2021	Details of Vacancies till January, 2019
1.	SPA, New Delhi	105	36	45
2.	SPA, Bhopal	73	18	29
3.	SPA, Vijayawada	49	11	12
	Total	227	65	86

(c), (d) & (f): Vacancies keep on arising due to retirement, resignation etc. Filling up of vacancies is an ongoing and continuous process and action is taken to fill up the vacancies from time to time as per the provisions of the relevant recruitment rules. The SPA Bhopal had advertised the faculty position in June, 2019, October, 2019 and in November, 2020 and 12 faculty positions were filled. The SPA Vijayawada had also advertised faculty position on 10.07.2019 and 3 faculty positions were filled. Out of 36 vacancies in the SPA Delhi, letter of offer of appointment has been sent to 10 candidates and they are yet to join.
